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Bid to calm Unionist fears

We're halfway to peace, says Reynolds

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WATT

■ *John Major and Albert Reynolds meet on Friday for more talks on Ulster. They aim to agree a peace deal by Christmas, but first they must reassure the Unionists*

BRITAIN and Ireland are halfway to a peace agreement on Northern Ireland, Albert Reynolds said yesterday, as the two governments strove to kill Unionist fears of a sell-out.

In a surprise move welcomed by Downing Street, the Irish prime minister offered a written promise that Ireland would hold a referendum on its ancient territorial claim to Ulster. At the same time, Douglas Hurd insisted that the British Government was standing by its guarantee that the future of the province was in the hands of its people.

The renewed efforts by London and Dublin to bridge differences highlighted by Friday's summit came as senior officials prepared to start intensive work on a joint declaration to be considered by the two leaders in Brussels at the end of the week.

Neither side is confident of a breakthrough. Mr Reynolds, who hopes to agree a peace formula by Christmas, said that although there was agreement on more than half the points to be included in the statement, "very serious issues" had to be resolved. Yesterday's priority was to keep the process on track by reassuring the Unionists.

Downing Street reacted angrily to reports that Mr Major had compromised over Ireland's promise to hold a plebiscite on Articles 2 and 3 of its constitution. In fact, Mr Major has always regarded an Irish referendum as something that would come as part of an overall settlement and was not thought to have regarded its inclusion in the declaration as essential.

However, in what appeared to be an obvious attempt to improve the atmosphere, Mr Reynolds said he would be happy to write in the promise. He told RTE: "The present commitment to a referendum is there. It hasn't changed. But if somebody wants it in writing, I don't have any problems with that. I don't see that it's absolutely necessary. But if it bridges the gap that's ok."

But Mr Reynolds coupled his conciliatory tone with a warning that time was running out. "I don't believe that the mood for peace will carry on indefinitely," he said. He wanted to "signal a new beginning" that would persuade the IRA to end violence. "Hopefully the men of violence will see that the futility of 25 years has got them nowhere and they will consequently join the dialogue."

Dick Spring, the Irish foreign minister, said the Christmas date for peace was still possible: "There is still that window of opportunity in relation to politics on this island, and I have seen or heard nothing yet that dissuades me from that view."

James Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist leader, also expressed optimism, saying: "Paramilitaries on all sides are now beginning to see that they cannot get by violence that which is available through the ballot box. There are signs they are coming to the conclusion that it isn't worth going on any longer."

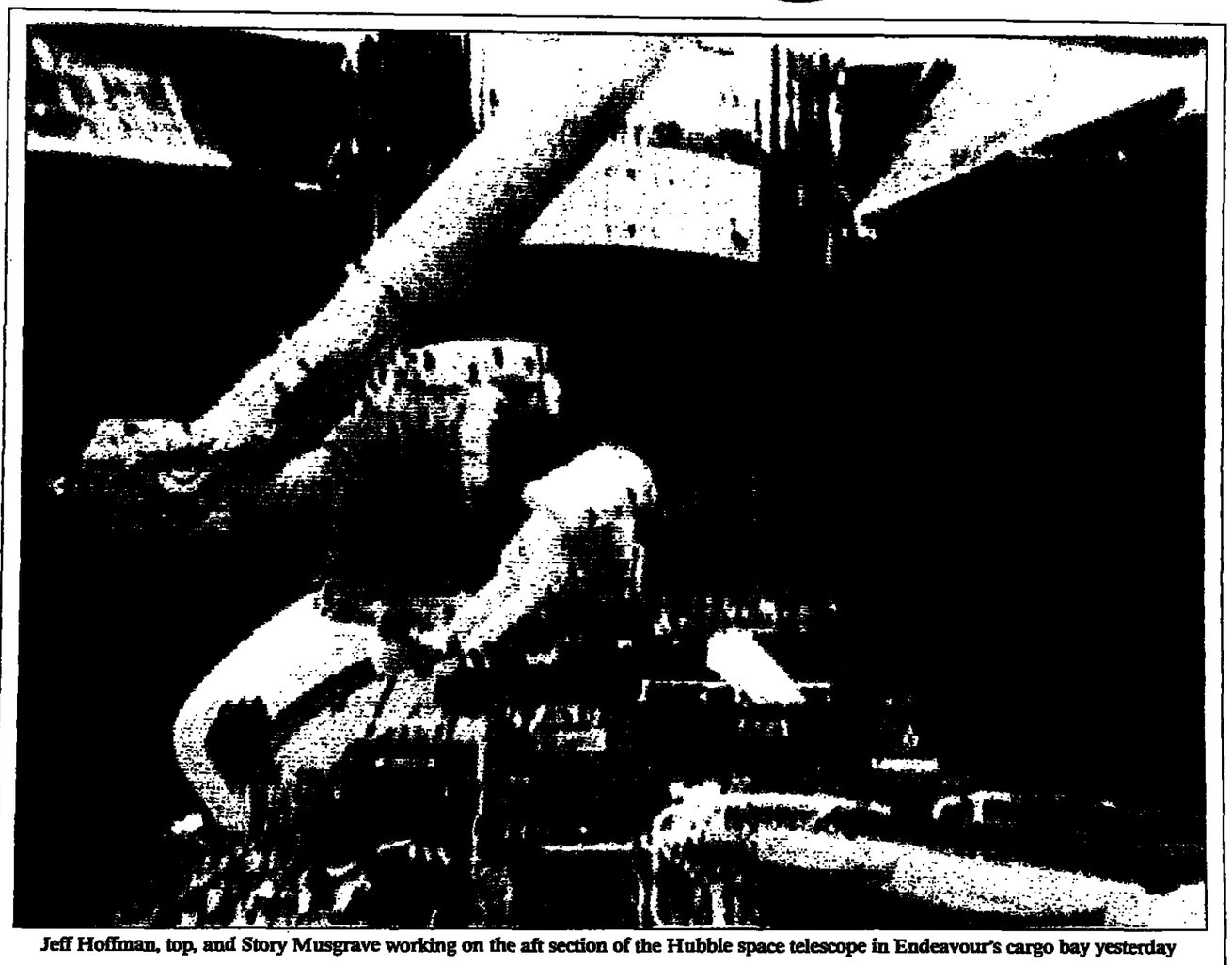


Spring: window of opportunity

The difficulties remain substantial. London is understood to have balked on Friday at a Dublin proposal for an all-Ireland political convention ten weeks after an IRA ceasefire. Mr Major is also said to be unhappy with Ireland's insistence on a statement that the Irish people as a whole have a right to national self-determination. However, Irish officials say his worries are misplaced. They complain that their repeated assurances of separate referendums in the two parts of Ireland have fallen on deaf ears.

More details of the acrimony between London and Dublin in the days leading up to the summit also emerged yesterday. The first half-hour of Friday's meeting was taken up with heated exchanges in which Mr Major spelt out his irritation with a leaked Irish government paper that called on London to recognise the value and legitimacy of a united Ireland. Afterwards Mr Reynolds was heard to say: "Friendship is one thing, but business is business."

Meanwhile, a Presbyterian minister claimed that Unionists had met leaders of Sinn Fein. Dr Jim Weir, a former Presbyterian moderator who has held a series of meetings with Gerry Adams, said: "Sinn Fein is not just meeting clergymen. Mr Adams is very keen to talk to different people to establish greater contacts." Dr Weir was encouraged by his talks with Mr Adams and said: "It is foolish to see him simply as an evil man. But it is also wrong to think that he is not prepared to contemplate a great deal of violence."



Jeff Hoffman, top, and Story Musgrave working on the aft section of the Hubble space telescope in Endeavour's cargo bay yesterday

Space rescue turns into race against time

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

WITH only seven days left to get the job done, unforeseen snags, including jammed maintenance doors and a badly bent solar panel, are plaguing the mission to rectify a string of faults in the Hubble space telescope.

Nasa officials fear the additional work needed to overcome the unexpected faults could make it impossible to correct all the craft's manufacturing defects on the five space walks planned during the 11-day mission. Endeavour, more than 360 miles above Earth, is travelling further than any previous shuttle, making fuel conservation vital if the mission is to be fully successful.

Despite this, it was decided late yesterday to expend fuel this morning to jettison the bent 40ft solar array in space rather than risk bringing it back. The solar panel retracted only about 30 per cent of the way in response to radioed commands from ground controllers in Houston, Texas, whereas it needed to roll up completely, like a window-blind, to fit in Endeavour's cargo bay for the trip home.

Perched on the shuttle's robot arm, Dr Kathy Thornton, 41, a spacewalking veteran, was asked to uncouple the bent array from Hubble as Endeavour drew back to prevent the panel damaging it or the telescope. The astronauts, too, are at constant risk of a piece of metal slicing through their spacesuits.

Early yesterday morning Dr Story Musgrave, another of the seven crew, was forced to build a makeshift handstrap when working on the telescope. The astronaut, who complained of the intense heat inside his space suit, found he could not shut a maintenance door after replacing fuses and gyroscopes. Only when the strap had been cobbled together could he exert enough force to close the hatch.

During the operation Dr Musgrave and Jeffrey Hoffman, assisting him, spent nearly eight hours outside the shuttle, the second longest period in US history.

The jettisoning of the solar array, one of two being replaced by new ones built by British Aerospace Space Systems in Bristol, adds another piece of man-made debris to the 7,000 or so pieces already in orbit. The vast, golden panel is expected eventually to burn up in the atmosphere.

The mission's main task, planned for later in the week, is to fit a device to correct Hubble's out-of-focus primary mirror.

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French curb optimism as trade accord nears

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRANCE and European negotiators warned last night that last-minute hurdles could still obstruct an accord on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) but they indicated that a draft agreement would be presented to European Community ministers today.

Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, cautioned against "the excessive optimism" which has come from the 11th-hour talks between American and European negotiators over the past few days. "If progress has been made, things are not yet settled," the Prime Minister's spokesman said, after M Balladur met Sir Leon Brittan, the European commissioner for foreign trade, and Peter Sutherland, the director-general of Gatt.

The talks followed signals from France that it was falling into line with its European partners before today's Brussels negotiations after an American shift on the disputed "Blair House" farm pact. Nicholas Sarkozy, the government spokesman, said that M Balladur would call a special cabinet meeting today "before the presentation in Brussels of a draft accord".

Sir Leon said after his session at the Hotel Matignon, the prime minister's residence, that there were matters to be resolved. But he was optimistic about his talks with Mickey Kantor, the American trade representative.

He said he told M Balladur: "There are 110 countries awaiting our accord. France and the community must come up with the ambition to persuade these countries to make progress as well." Alain Juppé, the French foreign minister, said the fate of Gatt would be determined in Brussels today. The four main points would be the establishment of a world trade organisation, culture, customs tariffs and agriculture. Without agreement on any of these, there would be no agreement.

Mr Sutherland warned France last night that Europe and America faced their last chance to end their haggling and clear the way for an international accord by the December 15 deadline.

"Significant progress was made last week. But I regret that there are a number of issues not yet resolved," he said. "The rest of the world cannot be expected to sit on its hands and wait."

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Abducted boy found

THE businessman who abducted his 12-year-old son, said he hoped to return home to "sort things out" after being traced last night to a hotel in Hurghada, Egypt.

Peter Malkin, 54, who took his son Oliver from the boy's home in Brittany in September, said: "We are hoping to come back and sort things out. That is what we want."

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Prince seizes chance to raise his profile

BY ALAN HAMILTON

WITH the Princess of Wales in retreat from her public life, the Prince will this week seize the moment to raise his public profile with a call to Western business greatly to increase its investment in Russia.

In a message to Anatoly Sobchak, the mayor of St Petersburg, to be delivered in person tomorrow by a group of British business leaders sponsored by the Prince to offer help in regenerating the economic and cultural life of Russia's second city, he calls on every international investor to support at least one project to assist economic transition in Russia. He adds that he hopes to visit the city himself; an official visit next year is currently under discussion.

The Prince's active and increasing involvement in international good causes, in an effort to consolidate his reputation for concerned high-mindedness, does not necessarily cut much ice at home, according to an opinion poll in yesterday's *Mail on Sunday*. The poll shows that, although the great majority of Britons

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Arts Council changes its tune over orchestra cash

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

A SPECTACULAR Arts Council U-turn looks likely to save all three London orchestras after a six-month funding battle which threatened to close down two. The about-turn reduces the council's music policy to farce and has forced a second resignation from the music panel.

It is understood that the Philharmonia, the London Philharmonic and the Royal Philharmonic orchestras will now all retain grants after a period of painful uncertainty. In July they had been asked to submit bids for funding and told two would lose their state subsidy to create one "super orchestra".

It emerged yesterday that the Arts Council's music panel has now agreed a funding package which merely switches grants from one orchestra to another, a move which effectively renders the competition null and void.

Libby Macnamara, director of the Association of British Orchestras, said that the Arts Council had painted itself into a corner. "I am astonished that its procedures should be overturned so easily, but I welcome its response to the vast body of public opinion."

After its summer announcement, the Arts Council set up an independent committee under Sir Leonard Hoffmann, Court of Appeal judge, to assess the bids from the three orchestras; it was intended that just one be given "enhanced" funding.

The London Symphony Orchestra was excluded from the competition because its standards were judged to be the highest in the capital. But Sir Leonard told the music panel meeting on Friday that his committee was unable to come to a unanimous decision: two out of five members recommended the Philharmonia as the marginal winner and the other three abstained. If the Arts Council wished to pursue its original policy, it should choose to continue funding the Philharmonia alone, he said.

A new plan was then agreed, however, under which the Philharmonia and the LPO will swap grants; this means that the former will get more than £1 million a year, while the latter will receive about £700,000. The RPO gets £200,000 for touring — a £200,000 cut in present funding — just enabling it to sustain its work in the regions and at its Nottingham base. The scheme was presented

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Gorbachev flies in with a warning over next week's election

West 'must support democracy in Russia'

BY JENNY KNIGHT

MIKHAIL Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, pleaded yesterday for the West to support Russia in its quest for democracy.

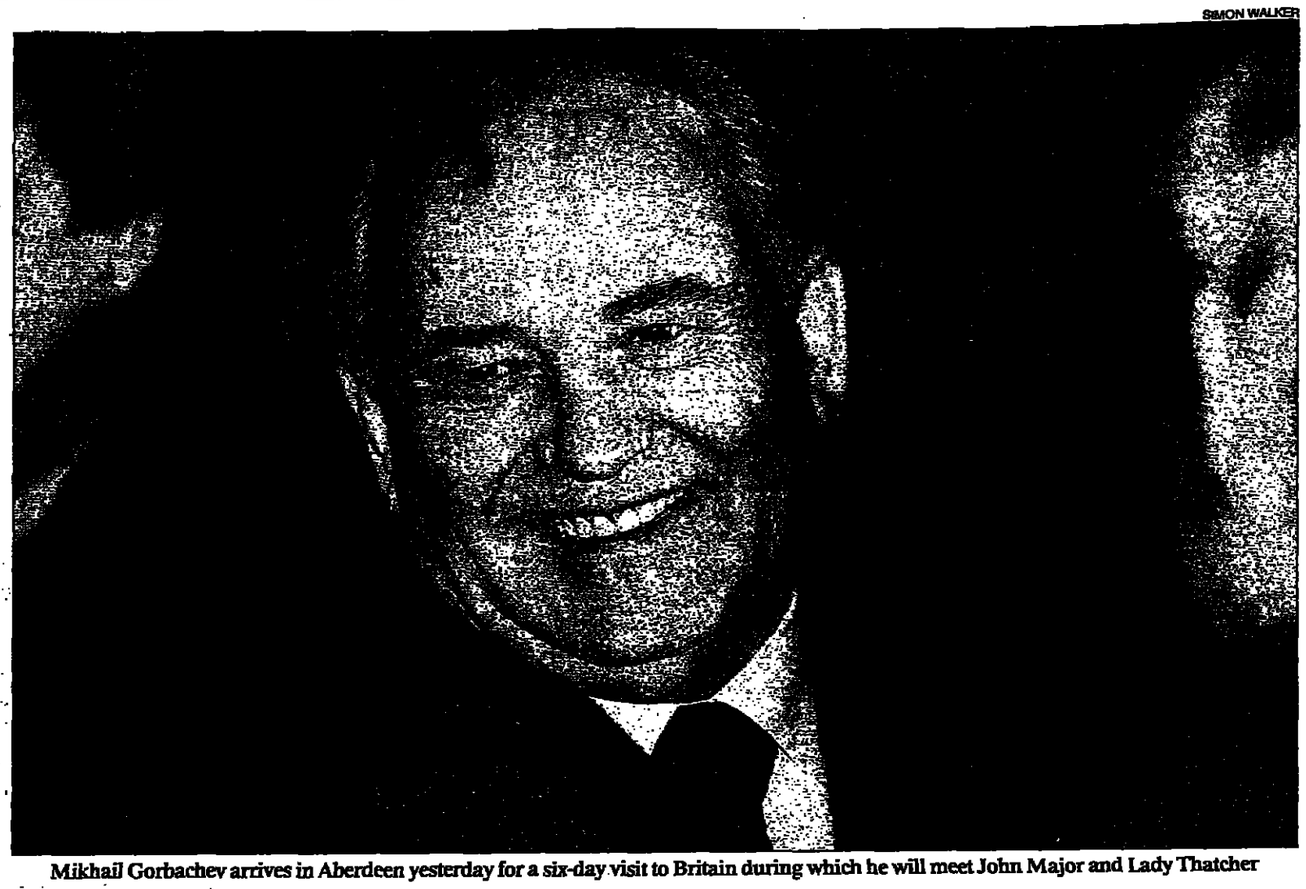
As he began a six-day visit to Britain during which he will meet John Major and Baroness Thatcher, he claimed that next weekend's Russian elections would produce a fragmented and probably short-lived parliament. He said the authorities had so much control that the elections would be "verging on a hoax".

Speaking at Aberdeen airport, Mr Gorbachev urged the Russian government to intervene more in the economy, saying that the policies of recent years could collapse and endanger chances of democratic reform.

"Russia's future will, to a large extent, depend on external factors. It would be in the interest of all if the West gave much more attention to that fact. Support for democracy in Russia is what we need."

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SIMON WALKER



Mikhail Gorbachev arrives in Aberdeen yesterday for a six-day visit to Britain during which he will meet John Major and Lady Thatcher

Child benefit may not survive next Parliament

Clarke wins support for universal basic pension

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

■ *Ministers are expected to look at options such as a return to child tax allowances and squeeze handouts to higher wage earners*

KENNETH Clarke secured backing from the Cabinet right yesterday for his pledge to retain the basic pension for all. Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, bowed to the Chancellor's dismissal of plans for young people to opt out of the state pension system and suggested that it would stay "for ever".

But both ministers left a question-mark over the future of child benefit as it emerged that the Chancellor has ordered a review of the pensions and benefits system that could result in a squeeze on state handouts to the middle classes in return for lower rates of income tax.

Mr Lilley acknowledged that the Government would honour a clear manifesto pledge until the end of the present Parliament to maintain child benefit.

But ministers are expected shortly to look at longer term options for its replacement. These include a return to a system of child tax allowances or a "topping up" scheme under which allowances towards the cost of bringing up children would be added to benefits for the poor and unemployed.

Senior Treasury officials are expected during the first six months of next year to look at the "interaction" between the benefits and taxation system. Mr Clarke is reported to have an open mind and senior officials are advising against short-term changes.

However, the Chancellor repeated yesterday that he wanted to modernise the welfare state. Last week, he rejected ideas promoted by the right for using the benefits system to engineer social change. However, a source close to Mr Clarke said: "He is concerned about people receiving benefits that they do not need and then having to give the money back with the other hand."

Yesterday, Mr Clarke pledged to pursue the Tory ideal of a low-taxation party but admitted that he had "not a clue" whether the tax burden would be higher at the time of the next election. "It will be as low as I can make it," he said.

He said the Budget was being well supported even by people who knew there were some further tax increases on top of those introduced last March. The "sensible people of middle England" realised it was necessary to stop borrowing "all this money" at the centre.

"We have found ourselves in a recession which lasted much longer than anybody expected," he said. "But we remain committed to be a low-taxation party. Taxation is a hell of a lot lower than it would have been if either Labour or the Liberal Party had participated in government."

Mr Clarke last week rejected the idea of people opting out of the state pension, as suggested by his deputy Michael Portillo. Yesterday's remarks by Mr Lilley suggested the right had been forced into line.

Mr Lilley said on the *Walden* programme on London Weekend Television: "I don't envisage that retirement pension should be restricted to part of the population ... We are committed to continue it, as a basic part of our provision. The basic retirement pension is pretty fundamental to everybody ... as a platform on which to build additional provision."

He promised to stick to the child benefit pledge, but pressed over whether child benefit would remain beyond this Parliament, he said: "We shall have to see."

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Track flaws halt Channel trains

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail is to modify the tracks between London and the Channel tunnel after tests revealed the £30 million Eurostar trains cannot run on them. The flaws, described as "an interference phenomenon", emerged during secret night trials of the quarter-mile-long trains on the Kent section of the route.

European Passenger Services, the BR subsidiary that will run the services, last night denied the faults would delay introduction of the services in May. British Rail has already spent more than £300 million on repairing the aging Folkestone-London line so it can run services to the new £150 million terminal at Waterloo.

The problem has arisen because of the mismatch between the advanced system of overhead power supplies on the French and Belgian sides of the tunnel and the antiquated system on the English side.

While travelling in France and Belgium, the trains will receive an uninterrupted power supply from overhead lines, but once they emerge in Kent, they will receive power from a third electric track.

Because of gaps in the third live track, necessary at junctions and road crossings, the Eurostar is momentarily deprived of power causing it to jerk and shudder.

Workers will replace up to 900 track side circuits with special devices to make them arc-proof. EPS said there was no question that the coaches would be hauled to the tunnel by 30-year-old diesel trains. "We wouldn't allow that to happen," it said.

Government ministers and senior BR officials are aware that Britain would face embarrassment if the trains are unable to use the track by May 7, when the Channel tunnel is to be opened by the Queen and President Mitterrand.

Even with Eurostar trains, travel on the English side will still be much slower than in France and Belgium. Until the £3 billion high-speed rail link is built, perhaps by 2002, the Eurostar trains will run on old and under-funded commuter lines.

President Mitterrand has joked of passengers being able to speed through France at 180mph before slowing down to enjoy the English countryside.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

More young caught in mortgage trap

One homeowner in four who bought between 1988 and 199(now has property that is worth less than the value of their mortgage, compared with one in five last year, according to research published today by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. The incidence of negative equity is highest among those who bought in 1991 and among people aged between 20 and 24, 48 per cent of whom are affected.

Of recent buyers who borrowed more than 95 per cent of the property's value, two thirds now have negative equity, compared with half last year. Buyers in the outer South East have suffered worst, with 41 per cent of those who bought between 1988 and 1991 affected by negative equity. In London, the figure is 40 per cent. Scotland has the smallest problem, at 5 per cent of recent buyers, but the research found that even that represented a five-fold increase compared with a year ago. Levels of negative equity in Wales have fallen by 6 per cent.

MP's defence threat

Julian Brazier, Conservative MP for Canterbury, threatened to withdraw his support from the government over planned defence spending cuts of more than £1.5 billion. Meanwhile, Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said that a sale of valuable military sites, including Knightsbridge barracks, had not been ruled out. The Defence Ministry has already embarked on plans to place support services in the hands of private companies.

Florida scares tourists

British holidaymakers believe the United States to be more dangerous than Peru. A survey for the Home & Overseas Insurance Company found that, of 500 adults questioned, more than half said that fear of violence would put them off travelling to Florida and nearly a quarter would be worried about travelling anywhere in the US. The figures compared with one in six who feared going to Peru — a country on the US State Department's "no go" list.

Anti-terrorist chief dies



Commander Hugh Moore, right, who was in charge of setting up the anti-terrorist measures for the City of London police, has died of coronary disease less than three weeks after being assaulted as he tried to arrest a man he believed was making a bogus charity collection. Police have opened an investigation to find out if there is a link between the assault and the death of 64-year-old Mr Moore.

Newalls due in court

Roderick and Mark Newall, the brothers accused of murdering their parents on Jersey six years ago, are due to appear together in court for the first time today. Roderick, 28, admits murder. Mark, 27, denies murder and admits helping to bury the bodies. They will appear before a police court in St Helier.

Ramsden arrested

Terry Ramsden, the failed City financier, has been arrested by Serious Fraud Office detectives, it was confirmed yesterday. Mr Ramsden, 41, who last month received a two-year suspended sentence at the Old Bailey after admitting a £90 million fraud, was detained on Friday in connection with alleged offences connected with his bankruptcy.

Johnston 'progresses'

Brian Johnston, the BBC broadcaster and cricket commentator, was making encouraging progress in hospital after his heart attack, family and friends said. Mr Johnston, 81, had regained consciousness after he collapsed last week but was still in intensive care at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, west London, where his condition was said to be stable.

Arts Council changes tune

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to the panel as a *fait accompli* by senior council staff, according to Priti Paintal, a composer and director of the music group Shiva Nova. Her resignation from the panel comes after that of Evelyn Glennie, the percussionist, on Friday. The grants are expected to be ratified at a full meeting of the Arts Council in nine days.

The new plans also raise questions about the South Bank residency, now held by the LPO. If the Philharmonia is the better-funded orchestra, some will ask whether it should now win the security of the Festival Hall. The climbdown will be seen as the result of media and music world pressure. In her resignation letter to Bryan Magee, Ms Paintal, Oxford philosopher and chairman of the music panel, writes: "I cannot support a change of face that was undertaken mainly as a PR exercise, as you spelled out to us." Ms Paintal was in favour of withdrawing grants to divert money to other areas of musical life, including jazz, African and Carribean music and regional orchestras.

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Princes College School of English

Our report (September 13) about English language schools operating as "visa factories" for foreign students referred to the Princes College School of English. Our account of its activities included the principal's denial that it was a "visa shop", and her concern that students attend classes for 15 hours' study a week, both of which we accept. We are glad to withdraw any implication that the school is a sub-standard or bogus establishment operating as "a passport to work for job-hungry foreigners".

Compulsory life for murder 'should end'

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Government should abolish the mandatory life sentence for murder, according to a committee headed by Lord Lane, the former Lord Chief Justice.

Lord Lane also criticises the penal policy of Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and accuses him of playing to public opinion by acting tough towards prisoners serving life for murder.

A report by his committee, published today, says: "Experience teaches us that when politicians resort to 'public opinion' as a basis for a change of policy or a fresh course of action, it is advisable to scrutinise the proposals with particular care."

The Committee on the Penalty for Homicide is an independent enquiry set up by the Prison Reform Trust. Lord Lane, who retired as Lord Chief Justice last year, says the mandatory life sentence is much too blunt a tool to deal with a range of killings, some of which are very bad and others that are not.

The 11-strong committee says that the length of time a murderer is to serve in prison should be determined openly by the courts, rather than by ministers, officials and judges behind closed doors.

"As of today, all those convicted of murder, from the 'mercy killer' and the battered wife to the terrorist and armed robber, are sentenced in the same words. Under our proposals the life sentence will be reserved for the really wicked criminals and those who represent a continuing danger," the report says.

□ *Committee on the Penalty for Homicide*, Prison Reform Trust (£5.95)

Front bench beckons again for Mates

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

MICHAEL Mates, the MP who lost his job as Northern Ireland Minister when he backed Asil Nadir against the Serious Fraud Office, yesterday spoke of his hopes for a return to government.

Mr Mates believes that he has been vindicated in his support for the fugitive Cypriot businessman. Last Friday, while journalists were busy focusing on the Princess of Wales and talks in Dublin, the Attorney-General quietly admitted misleading Parliament after revealing that copies of privileged defence documents in the Nadir fraud case were twice circulated illegally to the SFO.

Not only does it appear Mr Mates was close to the mark in his dramatic resignation speech to Parliament, but he is also one of the few Tories with knowledge about Northern Ireland. He is hoping he might regain government office, possibly as a defence minister.

He said: "The Attorney-General still has not been told the whole truth and there are more revelations to come."

Mr Mates does not regret getting involved in Mr Nadir's case, but he does find it frustrating having to sit out the Northern Ireland negotiations. "In Ireland I felt like a square peg in a square hole; I had spent years understanding the problems," he said.

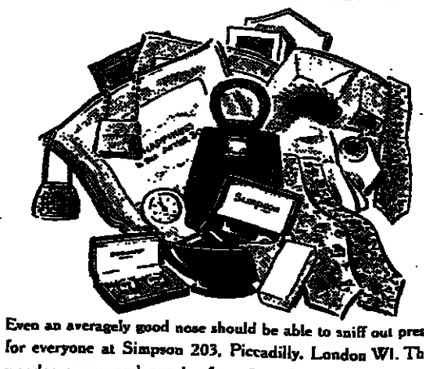
He declines to say if he acted as a go-between with the IRA when he was Ulster's Finance and Security Minister. "People date these negotiations from February, but even before then there were indications coming from factions of Sinn Fein and the IRA. They knew they were getting nowhere with the bombing and were anxious that they were being sidelined in peace talks. The Government couldn't ignore these messages."

Mr Mates has had no direct or indirect contact with Mr Nadir. "I didn't know if he was innocent or guilty but he deserved a fair trial."

He still gets shivers thinking about the inscription on a watch he sent Mr Nadir, which read: "Don't let the buggers get you down" and which precipitated his resignation. "At one stage I did get very down, but then I heard the Bastardgate tape and discovered that even the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler, said it was a gross act of injustice to have got rid of me."

It has taken five months to get an answer from the Attorney-General. "To save more embarrassment, the Government must have an independent enquiry into the SFO. Their actions have been immoral and criminal and the sooner someone sorts it out the better."

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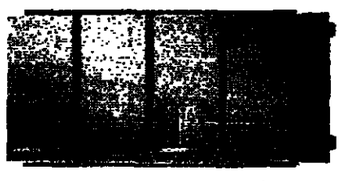
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Newspapers on trial

Press warning: defy plea by Princess at your peril

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

■ Media focus on the royal family is likely to be considered in government discussions on the forthcoming White Paper on privacy

NEWSPAPERS that ignore the Princess of Wales's plea for more privacy risk provoking a government backlash against press freedom, the industry was warned yesterday.

As the Princess prepares to face the biggest media blitz of her royal career on a final round of high profile official engagements, Sir David English, chairman of Associated Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily Mail* and the *Mail on Sunday*, cautioned the press against stepping up surveillance of her private activities.

Sir David, who is also chairman of the Code of Conduct drafting committee of the Press Complaints Commission, the newspaper industry's voluntary watchdog, said: "All of us now feel that there is more than just the privacy of the Princess of Wales at stake.

"The paparazzi are a law unto themselves and may well try to invade her privacy, but the PCC Code of Conduct makes it clear that papers should not buy or publish photographs by freelancers if it appears that they intrude into a person's privacy."

Continued media attention on the royal family now seems increasingly likely to be taken into consideration in government discussions of the forthcoming White Paper on privacy, which is expected early next year.

Many MPs are blaming the tabloid press in particular for the Princess's speech on Friday in which she said the pressure of media attention was almost too much to bear. Britain's top selling daily newspapers, *The Sun* and the *Daily Mirror*, have pledged to respect the Princess's desire for more privacy.

However, the *Sunday Express* and the *Sunday Telegraph* yesterday published photographs of the Princess driving to her gym in Chelsea Harbour, London, on Saturday, while the *Mail on Sunday* printed picture of her leaving the fitness centre.

The weekend press was crammed full of "royal secrets" and speculation about her future life.

The Princess can now expect blanket press and television coverage in the next two weeks as she embarks on the four diary engagements she has promised to fulfil before largely bowing out of public life after Christmas.

This morning she will name a new Airbus A340 aircraft at Heathrow airport for Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic Airways.

On Thursday she will present awards for business and the arts at a ceremony hosted by the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts and Arthur Andersen in association with *The Times* at the National Theatre in London. The following day she will open a Church of England community centre at St Matthew's Church in Southwark, London, and on December 16 she will attend the annual general meeting of Centrepoint, a charity for the homeless, at the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London. A Buckingham Palace spokesman said the Princess might have one further engagement.

Photographs of the Princess at such events are bound to increase in value because of their intrinsic scarcity value. They are also likely to rekindle the magazine industry's love affair with the Princess, which has cooled considerably in the last two years.

David Greene, marketing planning manager for IPC, which publishes six women's magazines including *Woman's Own* and *Woman*, said: "In the mid-Eighties, she was everywhere in the woman's magazines market. Putting her face on the cover would increase the sales by up to 10 per cent, representing 50,000 to 100,000 extra sales.

"Now, we hardly ever use her because she no longer exercises that attraction over readers.

"She has been replaced on our covers by stars from the real soap operas, *Neighbours*, *Home and Away* and *Coronation Street*."


JAMES MORGAN

Ashley Beaird, 4, an avid Captain Scarlet fan from Harlow, Essex, gave his parents a hint of his Christmas hopes while shopping at Hamleys

Sixties toys have indestructible appeal

BY ELAINE FOGG

CAPTAIN Scarlet, the puppet hero of a generation of sixties children, is a favourite on this year's Christmas gift lists.

The festive rush is already in top gear and the captain, who is enjoying a revival on BBC2, is one of the toys rivalling Sega and Nintendo computer games.

Captain Scarlet is number three in the predicted league of traditional best-sellers compiled by the British Association of Toy Retailers. Also expected to be best-sellers are Barbie, first introduced in the early sixties, and Action Man, which was Toy of the Year in 1966, and Thunderbirds, also from the sixties.

The Captain Scarlet doll, which costs about £15, is part of a range of products licensed by the British company Copyright Promotions which has already grossed more than £10 million.

Sarah Brookes, head of toys for Copyright Promotions, said: "It has taken off in a big way for us. As soon as Captain Scarlet toys are going into the shops, they are flying out again."

For the first time, the London toy store Hamleys has predicted that its best-selling product will be the same as last year — the Sega Mega Drive games console, price £129.99. Number two on its list is the Super Nintendo system.

Barry Walker, chairman of the British Association of Toy Retailers, and of Conways Toymaster, a chain of more than 200 toy shops, said the traditional toy industry had been hit hard by computer games. "The age at which kids are using such toys is falling all the time. If you ask what does 11-year-old Johnny want for this Christmas, the answer will probably be a Sega Mega Drive. Twenty years ago the answer would have been a train set.

"That said, traditional toys like Barbie or Captain Scarlet have fared quite well against the Sega/Nintendo onslaught."

Overall, retailers are hopeful that sales will top last year's figure of more than £17 billion. Bob Ager, marketing director at Selfridges in London, said yesterday: "Christmas sales definitely seem to be better this year; they've also started earlier."

The stationery chain Paperchase reported a 20 per cent increase in card sales. The electrical chain Dixons said mobile telephones appeared to be popular gifts.

TOP-SELLING TOYS AND BOARD GAMES

Expected ten best-selling "traditional" toys (excluding video games) at Christmas; supplied by British Association of Toy Retailers (2/12/93), compiled by reports from BATR members.

1 Barbie (Mattel) from £5 - £25
2 Thunderbirds (Matchbox) from £3.50 - more than £40
3 Captain Scarlet (Vivid Imaginations) from £3.50 - £40
4 Polly Pocket (Bluebird) from about £2 - £25
5 WWF Wrestlers (Hasbro) figures about £4, ring around £20
6 Tomy Train Sets (Tomy) starter set about £30
7 Action Man (Kenner) about £15
8 Sylvanian Families (Tomy) Canal Boat about £30
9 Jurassic Park Dinosaurs (Kenner) from about £5 - £50
10 Little Mermaid (Tyco) from about £5 - more than £15

NB: with several weeks to go until Christmas, this is only the anticipated top ten.

Top ten board games; supplied by BATR (2/12/93)

1 Frustration (MB Games) about £7
2 Crocodile Dentist (MB Games) about £15
3 Monopoly (Waddingtons) about £10
4 Scrabble (Spears) about £10
5 Cluedo (Waddingtons) about £10
6 Mr Blobby (BMI) about £10
7 Trivial Pursuit (Parker) Genus edition about £35
8 Pictionary (Parker) about £30
9 Jenga (MB Games) about £10
10 Nigel Short 3-in-1 Chess (Kidworks) about £20

Armed men ambush jeweller and family

BY JENNY KNIGHT

A JEWELLER and his family were beaten by an armed gang who ambushed their car and escaped with two bags of gems worth thousands of pounds.

Bryan Kirkham, 54, said he feared for his life when five masked men surrounded his car. They smashed the windows before attacking Mr Kirkham and his wife Elaine. She fell as she was pulled from the car by the masked men and was trapped underneath the vehicle's wheels when it stalled and jolted backwards.

The attackers had followed the Kirkhams into the cul-de-sac in Leeds where they live as they returned from work on Friday evening. A Nissan van parked outside their home suddenly swerved across his path. Mr Kirkham hit the van with his Audi 80 but was rammed himself by the attackers' vehicle, a Toyota Supra.

Mr Kirkham said: "It was meticulously planned, like a military operation, but vicious." The men threatened to kill him after he had thrown his car keys away.

Neighbours who came to help the family were frightened off by the thieves, who were armed with a shotgun, pickaxe handles and baseball bats. The robbers got away with bracelets, rings and necklaces which were in the car boot.

The men drove off in the Toyota, which was found about a mile away burnt out. The Nissan van was abandoned at the scene of the robbery. Both vehicles had been stolen last month.

Mrs Kirkham was treated at Leeds General Infirmary for bruising and her husband was treated for shock. Their son Paul, 31, was not injured.

Prince chooses to raise profile

Continued from page 1

still favour the monarchy, one in three believes that the succession should pass directly to Prince William.

A majority of those polled believe that the Prince and Princess should now formalise their separation with a divorce. Three out of four thought that the Prince should be allowed to remarry and more than half believe that divorce, and even remarriage, should not bar the Prince's way to becoming king.

Undeterred by any division of public sympathy between himself and his estranged wife, the Prince continues to act the international statesman. His interest in Russia is a direct result of his recent initiative in setting up the St Petersburg Partnership, aimed at directing Western investment and expertise at the city to help its recovery.

In his message to Mayor Sobchak, the Prince says: "Business can be a positive partner in economic and social change. It has the skills and know-how to help show the artistic treasures of St Petersburg to a wider international audience... It can take a leading role in tackling some of the deep seated environmental problems which threaten our communities."

The Prince concludes by saying that he hopes one day to see for himself "this beautiful city". An official visit next year by the Prince could help pave the way for an eventual state visit by the Queen.

In contrast, the Princess had hoped to travel to Moscow in January to see the city's leading children's hospital, which is being helped with supplies and training by Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, but that engagement has now been postponed indefinitely.

Abduction father is in Egypt

BY A STAFF REPORTER

PETER Malkin, who abducted his 12-year-old son from the boy's mother a month ago, said from a hotel in Egypt yesterday that he hoped to return to England to "sort things out".

Mr Malkin said: "We are hoping to come back and sort things out. That is what we want."

Asked in an interview with ITN if he had made the right decision, Mr Malkin said: "It was the only decision. This is not only not doing me any good, it is not doing Oliver any good."

A spokesman for ITN said relatives of Mr Malkin had given them a telephone number for him at the Arabia Beach Hotel, Hurghada, Egypt, saying that he wanted to talk to them.

Mr Malkin, 54, met his wife Elisa when she worked as an assistant at a country club he owns near Canterbury, Kent. They divorced in 1989.

When Mr Malkin snatched his son from near his mother's home in Landevant, Brittany, on November 8, it was the third time.

In 1990, he took Oliver from his mother, travelling with him to Spain and Morocco before he was found in Devon five months later. On the second occasion the boy was missing for 19 months before Canterbury police tracked him down.

Afterwards, his mother was granted custody, care and control, while his father was restricted to telephone contact.


Malkin: says he wants to "sort things out"

Economical with the joke image

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A UNIVERSITY department with a reputation for producing hard-drinking rugby players and few academics is changing its name to try to bury its joke image.

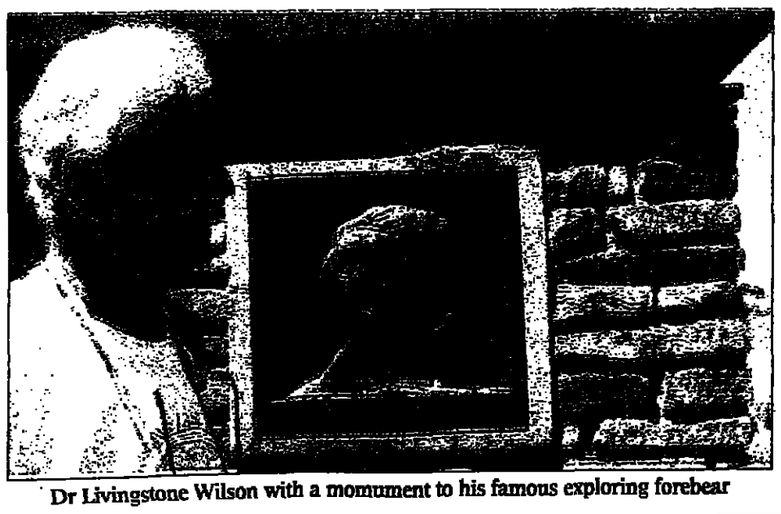
Lecturers and undergraduates of the Department of Land Economy at Cambridge — popularly known as "land lobotomy" — are so fed up with the gibes that they have launched a contest to find a new name. A case of champagne will go to the winner.

Gavin Hastings, the Scotland rugby captain, and Tony Underwood, the England wing, are graduates of the department, which provides nine of the Cambridge side in tomorrow's Varsity match. It also contributed three oarsmen to this year's victorious boat race crew.

Professor Malcolm Grant, the department head, said: "The students find themselves undertaking a degree which is as rigorous, if not more so, than any other at the university, yet at the same time they are teased by other students because of the rugby image."

He said that the sport issue was just one of the reasons for the name change. The department had moved with the times and now debated and researched environmental law and economics. "Whatever the reputation, the quality of the department is very good and the work first rate."

Great-grandson walks in the footsteps of Dr Livingstone


Dr Livingstone Wilson with a monument to his famous exploring forebear

BY ANDREW PIERCE

LEADERS of a three-month expedition to retrace David Livingstone's last journey in Africa 120 years ago returned to London at the weekend having successfully completed their mission.

One of the most surprising findings of the marathon trek was the potency of the Livingstone name. The expedition included Dr David Livingstone Wilson, great-grandson of the Scottish missionary, who has remained in Africa. He was mobbed wherever he went.

Charles Haskell, the team leader, said: "People rushed out to shake his hand. They wanted to meet a Livingstone. Even the memorials to his great-grandfather are still intact. Livingstone is still a powerful symbol in Africa."

Dr Livingstone Wilson, 67, a retired public health officer, was born to missionary parents in Chitambo, the same village in Zambia where his eminent forebear died.

The expedition, equipped with jeeps, a doctor, satellite telephones and a medicine chest, retraced the steps of Livingstone's three-year trek in which he tried to pinpoint the source of the Nile.

The recent expedition, in some of the roughest and remote terrain in Tanzania, Zambia and Burundi, was not without its share of adventure. Dr Livingstone Wilson and Anne Moore, the expedition doctor, had to fight off an attacker armed with a broken bottle within hours of arriving in Africa at Dar es Salaam. Having crossed Tanzania, the expedition reached Ujiji where the famous words, "Dr Livingstone, I presume" were uttered.

The team of 10 recreated a boat expedition made by Livingstone and Stanley on Lake Tanganyika, where the missionary hoped to find the source of the Nile. From there they set off on a 700-mile trek to Lake Bangweulu.

During the trip, organised by the New Century Conservation Trust, which recreates historic journeys to focus attention on conservation, the team carried out wildlife and environmental research. The most disturbing part was the absence of wildlife outside game parks, they said.



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Send us your daughters, pleads Haileybury's head

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

The head of a leading public school says some headmistresses are using unscrupulous propaganda to undermine co-education

A BATTLE of the sexes has broken out among some of Britain's leading independent schools as girls' establishments begin to regain the ground they had lost to co-education.

Girls' schools have been under pressure in recent years as those for boys have kept their numbers buoyant by mixing the sexes of their intakes.

However, single sex schools' examination successes and parents' apparent anxieties over mixed boarding are starting to turn the tables.

David Jewell, the Master of Haileybury in Hertfordshire and a former chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, has accused some headmistresses of using unscrupulous propaganda to put parents off co-education.

Mr Jewell also named leading girls' schools where, he alleged, financial inducements were being offered to keep pupils in their sixth forms.

His remarks came in a letter to former pupils bemoaning the "steep and serious" decline in the number of girls joining Haileybury's mixed sixth form.

He appealed to them: "Send us your daughters as well as your sons. Indeed, send us your god-daughters, your friends' daughters, and any other 16-year-old girls who might benefit from Haileybury."

The letter disclosed that Haileybury had attracted four to five applicants for each of the 48 places available for sixth form girls until two years ago. By this summer, the number of applicants was down to 59, and only 30 of those accepted took up places.

Mr Jewell wrote: "The decline is nationwide and has occurred for a variety of reasons: the recession, of course; the increasing efficiency and attraction of sixth-form colleges which are free; the unscrupulous propaganda instigated by some headmistresses and encouraged by the national press concerning sexual behaviour and mores in co-educational schools; the cost of boys' schools (which are more expensive than girls' schools because of their much higher salary bills); and the increasing and now almost universal practice of the offering of financial inducements by girls' schools to girls in their fifth form to stay on."

He added that Roedean in Sussex had offered ten sixth-form scholarships to internal candidates and Sherborne School for Girls, Dorset, four. Wycombe Abbey School in Buckinghamshire had awarded the "substantial majority" of its scholarships to internal candidates.

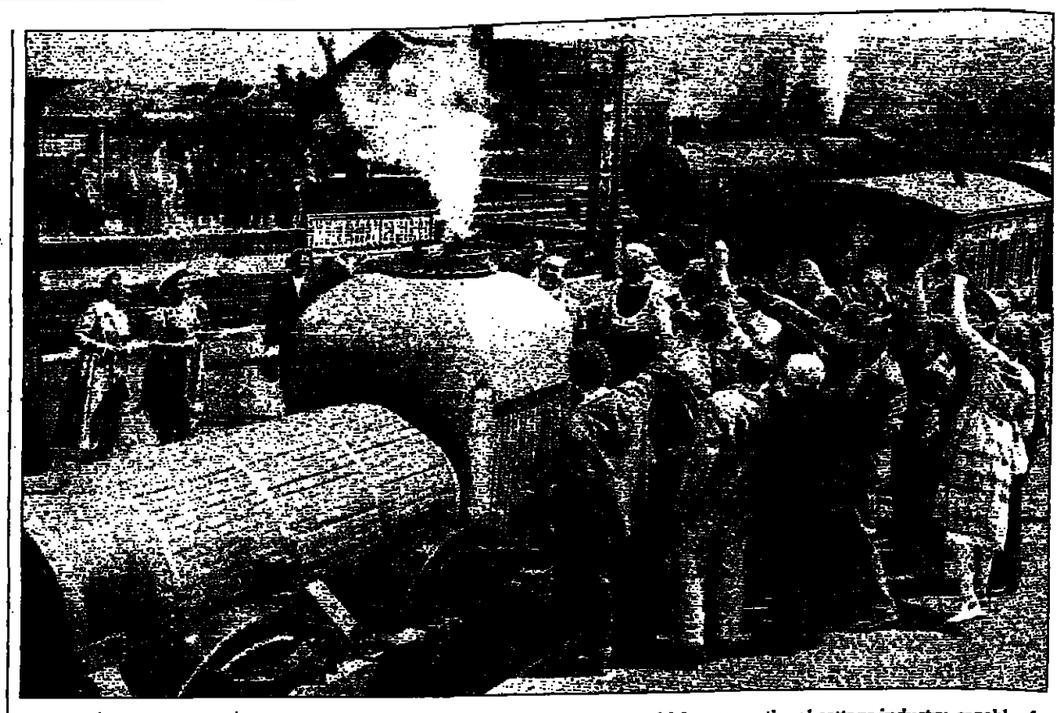
Ann Longley, headmistress of Roedean, responded: "Shame on you, Jewell, and a fellow Cornishman too. He is casting aspersions in our direction. Roedean scholarships are totally open and competitive, and we certainly have not been involved in any unscrupulous propaganda."

Roedean's sixth form is the largest it has ever been. The school has made alterations to enable it to satisfy unprecedented demand for places.

Mr Jewell said he had not intended to suggest that there was anything underhand about awarding scholarships internally, although Haileybury's had all gone to external candidates. "If I was a headmistress, I would do just the same. I was merely drawing attention to the effect on us," he said.

However, he stood by his allegation that some other girls' schools had circulated inaccurate information about co-educational boarding. He said that the headmistress of a school he had not named had been asked to stop issuing one such article to parents at a promotional fair.

Mr Jewell said that girls at Haileybury did at least as well in examinations as their counterparts at single-sex schools. Their A-level pass rate had been over 98 per cent for the past five years, and more than 60 per cent of those passes had been A or B grades.



The spirit of great Ealing comedies, such as *The Titfield Thunderbolt*, above, is to be revived by the playwright Anthony Shaffer, new head of development at Ealing Studios (Alison Roberts writes). Shaffer will seek "to revive the incomparable spirit of English and Englishry" at the revitalised studios in west London. "I sincerely hope we can somehow find our way back to the heart of the Ealing comedy — a genre which interpreted a national way of life, and took as its general theme the extraordinary and resilient nature of the British as they coped with a series of alarming situations." The campaign to restore the studios, under the ownership of production services company BBRK, began last month. David Bill, chairman of BBRK, pledged to make Ealing a fully operational cottage industry, capable of producing six films a year. His campaign relies on the Business Expansion Scheme, which will raise seed capital to attract investors and develop scripts. The post held by Shaffer, author of several West End plays, was once filled by Sir Michael Balcon, who brought to the screen classics such as *Whisky Galore* and *The Ladykillers*.

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£1m for boy damaged by surgery

A BOY of 10 is likely to receive more than £1 million compensation after a routine circumcision operation left him brain damaged.

Anthony Wadsworth, of Standish, Greater Manchester, was four years old when he went into Wrightington Hospital, Wigan, for the operation. But he now has to attend a special school and walks with difficulty. A High Court settlement means that he could receive more than £1 million.

Alison Wadsworth, his mother, said: "They said it was just simple surgery and he would be home the same day." According to his mother, Anthony did not wake up quickly after the operation and he spent nine days in hospital before she could take him home. By then, she had learnt that her son was brain damaged.

Six months later, Ms Wadsworth, then a single mother, began her fight for compensation. "I wanted Anthony to get the proper care that he deserved for the rest of his life," she said.

West Lancashire Health Authority fought her action for five years but agreed to pay 90 per cent of the claim just weeks before the hearing. An interim payment of £250,000 was paid into court for the boy's immediate needs until the final amount is decided.

Beached whales to be blown up

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

TWO beached 40-tonne whale carcasses, washed ashore last month, are to be towed to a remote Scottish beach and blown up by the Ministry of Defence.

The 50-foot sperm whales beached within two days of each other at Loch Ailort, Highland, and on the Isle of Skye. The carcasses have been polluting the local coastline since.

After days of pondering the problem, the Department of Transport hired the MoD to tow the whales, under the supervision of the Oban coastguard, to Crown land on the northern coast of the Ardnamurchan peninsula.

They will be left to dry out for three days before being charged with explosives and blown up when covered with water at high tide. The exact timing of the operation, which the coastguard admits is an experiment, will depend on the weather. They had originally planned to sink them offshore, but the option was ruled out for fear it would damage nearby fish farms.

Traditionally, beached whales automatically become the property of the Crown. They must be reported to the Receiver of Wrecks who then has to decided how to deal with them.

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Bogus mozzarella supplier is fined £1,000 for selling a vegetable oil substitute

Pizza patrols turn heat on cheese cheats

BY TONY DAWE

PIZZA cheats are the latest target of trading standards officers fighting to stem an epidemic of food fraud.

They have discovered that cheese, the basic ingredient of the 500 million pizzas consumed in Britain every year, is often replaced by a cheaper substitute made from vegetable oil.

One distributor has already been fined for selling fake mozzarella cheese to pizza parlours in Yorkshire and more prosecutions are pending, including one against a major cheese supplier.

Of all the food frauds, it is the cheating in the pizza business, now worth £700 million a year, that is causing the greatest concern among consumer organisations and food watchdogs.

Gordon Grefty, North Yorkshire's chief trading standards officer, said: "This is the latest example of the difficulties faced by consumers who have to deal with a hi-tech food industry which leaves them with little idea of what goes in to the products they eat.

"The appearance and texture of cheese can be simulated by this cheaper alternative, but it cannot be called cheese, which is a traditional product protected by laws governing its composition."

In their initial tests, North Yorkshire officers sank their teeth into more than 30 pizzas from 12 takeaways and found that 21 of them included a substitute cheese made from skimmed milk and vegetable oil. They decided to challenge the chief suppliers, instead of the pizza parlours, and have successfully prosecuted ICF of Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, for supplying mozzarella cheese which was 28 per cent cheese and 72 per cent substitute. The company was fined £1,000. Further prosecutions against other companies will follow.

Cheese substitutes are known as "analogues" in the food industry. Jim Winship, director of the Pizza and Pasta Association, said: "Analogue cheese is used as an extender in many products and has been on the market for a very long time. It is perfectly safe and acceptable, but if companies are presenting it as real mozzarella they are breaking the law."

The use of analogues in pizzas was first noticed by Shropshire trading standards officers who found that mini pizzas being sold in packs of four in supermarkets contained a blend of real and substitute cheese.

"The makers could save up to 33 per cent on their cheese bill by using substitutes," David Walker, the county's deputy chief officer, said.

Shropshire was about to prosecute five leading manufacturers until they agreed to relabel their pizzas using the term "cheese flavour", which is permitted under the food labelling regulations for products made from a blend of real and imitation cheese.

The use of the word "flavour", which can be applied under the regulations to many food substitutes, is under attack from bodies such as the Food Commission and the Consumers' Association, which want to see more accurate labelling of food in Britain.

The use of imitation cheese in pizza is being monitored by Lacots, the co-ordinating body on trading standards, which is also currently trying to reach agreement with fish product manufacturers over the labelling of scampi.

The word is supposed to refer to the tail of Dublin Bay prawns, but many companies use minced and reformed prawn or even other fish in their scampi products.

Another well-established food fraud, the undeclared use in chicken products of meat slurry, which is pressed off the bone by a hydraulic machine, will be the subject of a court action this week.

MARTIN BEDDALL



It looks like a pizza, but is it? Clues for spotting "pseudo pizza" were given to *The Times* by two of the men behind Britain's most successful pizza restaurants. "You can tell the real thing just by looking at it," Peter Webber, of the Chicago Pizza Pie Factory, said. "It should be smothered in cheese, not just mozzarella ... You can tell when it's not real because it goes cold very quickly and solidifies." David Page, managing director of Pizza Express, said: "Real mozzarella cheese should have the consistency of chewing gum. When you eat the pizza, the cheese should form a continuous line from your mouth to the plate. A lot of restaurants use cheddar to provide more flavour. That is acceptable but imitation cheese is not." Mr Webber said the worst pizzas were in the shops. "A friend of mine, left a pizza to cook by his wife, even managed to eat the cardboard base without noticing."

A cooling drink by any udder name ...

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A NEW type of virtually cholesterol-free milk has gone on sale in northwest England and should be available nationally early in the new year.

But the product, called Halo, has proved a marketing challenge because of strict rules governing what can be sold as milk. Although more than 97 per cent of the ingredients of Halo come from cows' udders, it qualifies as a processed food and cannot be sold as a natural dairy product because the saturated animal fats have been removed and replaced with sunflower oil.

Northern Dairies, which produces Halo, is prohibited from claiming openly that it is healthier than ordinary milk, in spite of advice from the Department of Health that people should reduce their intake of fat.

Mice that roar help study of violence

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE mouse that roared may provide a clue to outbursts of aggression among violent offenders.

A French researcher has produced an abnormally aggressive strain of laboratory mouse by a simple genetic modification. Now scientists are to investigate whether the same genetic change explains the behaviour of pathologically violent patients in prisons and hospitals.

Dr René Hen, of the French National Institute for Medical Research in Strasbourg, was trying to understand the role of serotonin — a brain chemical — in aggression, since many aggressive people have been found to have reduced levels of it in their brains. Serotonin is active in many parts of the brain, with at least 14 different "receptors" — the proteins that act as docking sites for the chemical — responding to it.

Acting on these receptors, serotonin can switch nerve cells on or off, creating changes of mood. Dr Hen created a series of strains of mice in which the genes that create the receptors had been deactivated. These mice turned out to be extra aggressive.

Although the mice developed, bred and ate normally, Dr Hen found that they turned on intruders with rare vigour. When left alone for four weeks, and then faced with an intruder, they responded twice as vigorously as other mice.

A second test showed that the mice were also less fearful. When subject to a loud noise and then put in the middle of a big enclosure, they strutted around in the open rather than clinging to the walls, as normal mice would. Dr Hen told *Science* that he thought there was a good chance that some violent patients may have the same genetic flaw.

Woman raped at knifepoint

A 51-year-old woman was grabbed at knifepoint at the communal entrance to her home in a block of flats in Hampstead, north London, and raped on the stairs, police said.

The victim had arrived home at 1.30am on Saturday and was closing the main door when it was forced open by her attacker who threatened to kill her.

A 71-year-old woman was raped at knifepoint by a man who broke into her home in Daventry, Northamptonshire in the early hours of yesterday.

Fire charges

John William Roe, 44, of Southend-on-Sea, and Martin Courtney, 38, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, are to appear at Redbridge Magistrates' Court today charged with arson with intent to endanger life by setting light to a tree-house in Wanstead, east London.

Man stabbed

Fritz Gerald Honegan, 30, was stabbed to death at a house in Luton, Bedfordshire, on Saturday night in what was believed to have been a drugs-related murder.

Fast mover

A 1,000cc Vincent motorbike that set six world speed records in 1961 sold for a record £55,000 at Sotheby's to the National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham.

Youth accused

A 17-year-old youth is due to appear at Camden Youth Court today charged with the attempted murder and rape of an 84-year-old widow on November 26.

M5 suicide

A driver was treated for shock after hitting a man who stood in the path of his lorry on the M5 near Gloucester.

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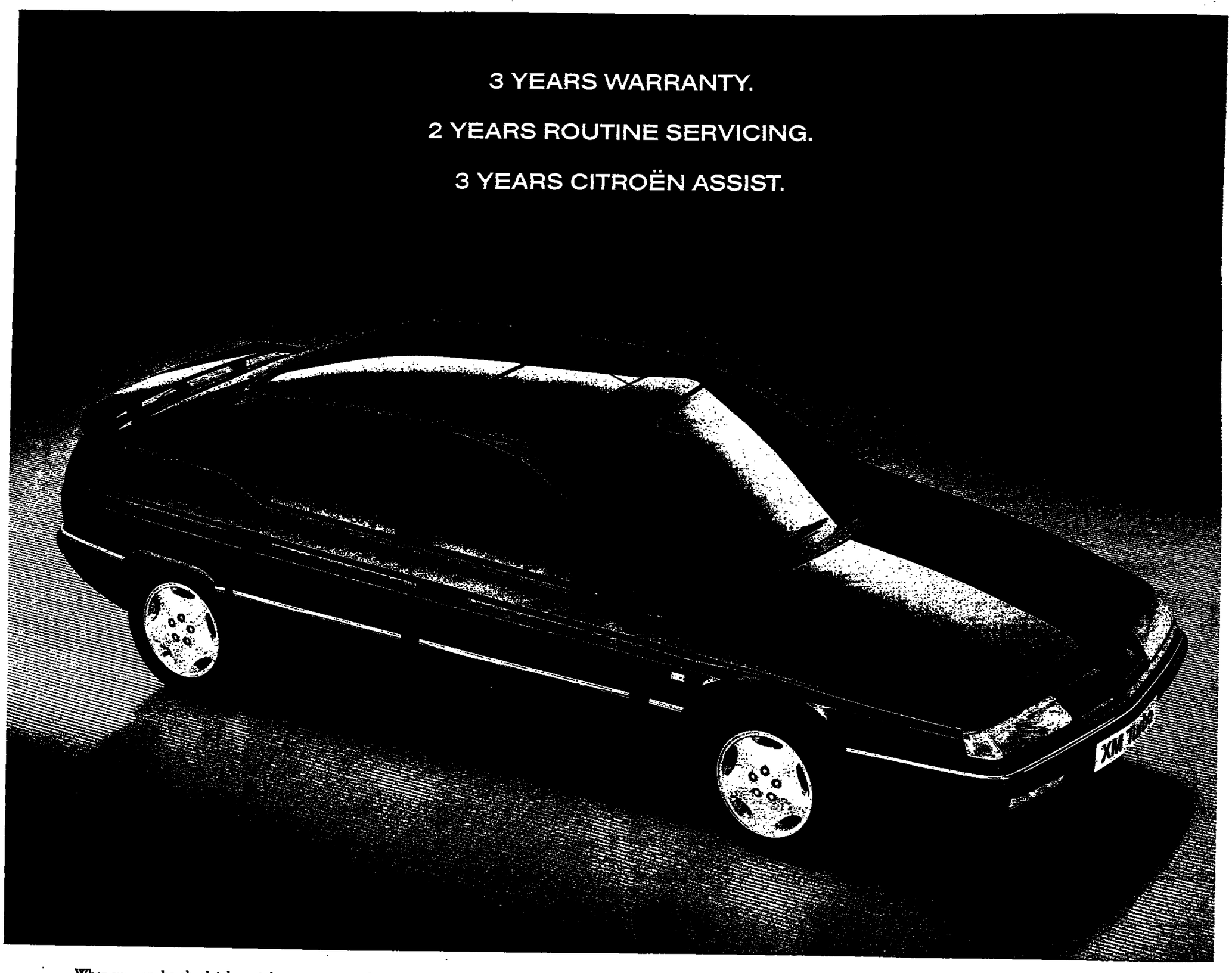
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Shuttle opticians to give Hubble set of longer lenses

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

■ The future of American and European space research depends on the efforts of Shuttle astronauts as they battle to repair the giant under-performing telescope

TWO ASTRONAUTS left the air-lock of the space shuttle Endeavour in the early hours of this morning to face the second of a series of perilous repair jobs to save the Hubble Space Telescope.

While most of the world slept, astronaut Kathy Thornton perched more than 400 miles above Earth on the shuttle's robot arm trying to wrench two vast solar arrays from the side of the giant telescope. Assisting her was Tom Akers, flying in space but attached by a slim cord to Endeavour's cargo bay.

The two wing-like structures, carrying hundreds of solar panels which turn sunlight into electricity, have presented the crew with its first great challenge since the mission was launched on Thursday. The arrays, which are causing Hubble to suffer the jitters as the craft plunges from searing daytime into freezing night temperatures and the metal contracts and expands, must be replaced.

The shuttle has brought two new structures, fitted with devices designed to cope with the extreme temperatures. It is hoped these will counter the shakes that are ruining Hubble's ability to snap long exposure images across the Universe. The task was always going to be difficult but has now been made more risky since Endeavour captured Hubble.



Thornton: avoiding punctures in space

After successfully snaring the $3 billion telescope on Saturday, the crew discovered that the array on the telescope's right-hand side is bent. This has frustrated attempts to fold it back using tiny motors and has now made it virtually impossible to store it in the shuttle's cargo bay for return to Earth.

Scientists hoped to study both arrays to examine the effects of space debris on their superstructure, but this will have been the least concern on the mind of Ms Thornton. All her concentration will have been on keeping the old array from puncturing her oxygen suit as she eased the solar panels off Hubble before heaving it out into space.

Early yesterday Story Musgrave and Jeffrey Hoffman succesfully installed two pairs of gyroscopes, devices which keep the telescope aligned on the heavens, and eight fuses. The space walk, which lasted seven hours and 54 minutes, or nearly two hours longer than had been planned, was also not without snags.

Doors, behind which the failed gyropscopes were housed, failed to close and the team was forced to bind one of the doors shut. The 11-day mission, billed as make-or-break for the US space agency Nasa, plans to carry out five space walks to fix Hubble.

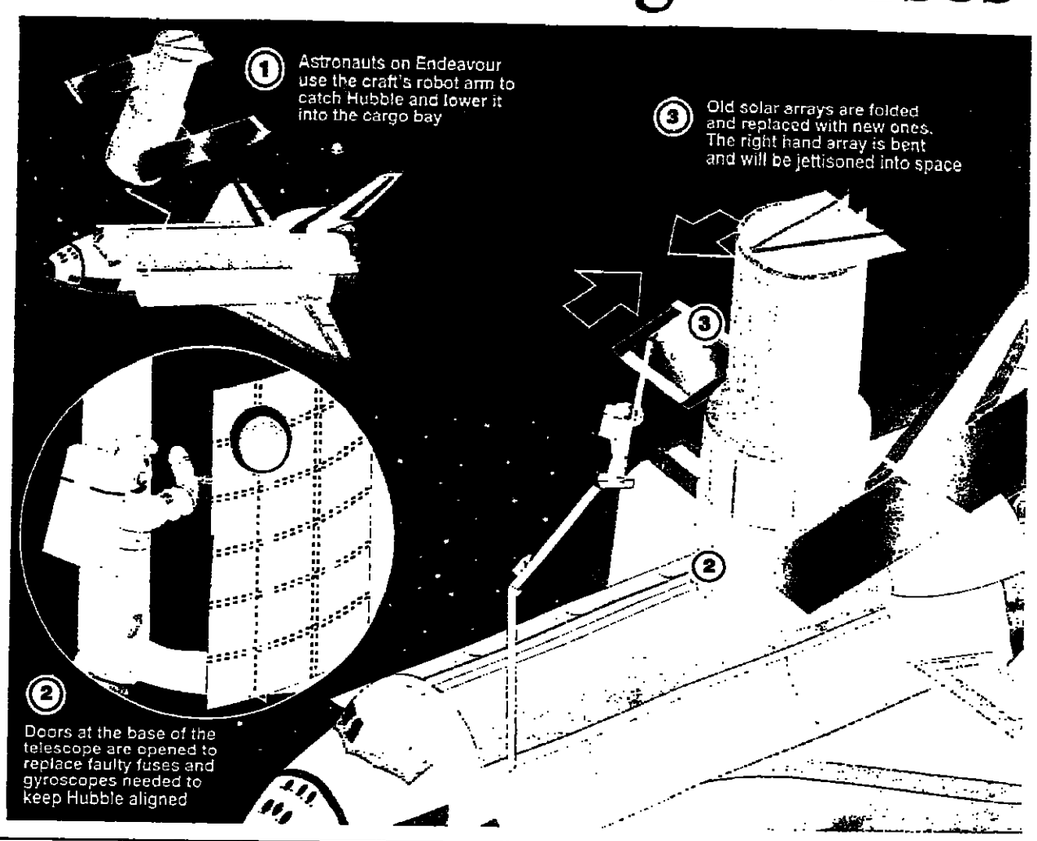
Apart from the gyroscopes and jittery solar arrays, the craft has a badly ground primary mirror which is ruining its ability to image the structure of the universe and distant stars. It will be corrected later in the week with a device called Costar, which carries some tiny motorised mirrors.

Scientists say it is like fitting spectacles to someone with myopia. At the moment Hubble can only make out objects 4 billion light years away rather than the intended 12 billion light years.

If the mission is successful, Nasa and its partner, the European Space Agency, will have proved that delicate work can be carried out in space. If the mission fails, Nasa in particular may be unable to fend off critics, especially politicians, who increasingly view space as an expensive luxury which an economically tight American can ill afford.

A successful outcome would also restore confidence in future American and European space projects, including the space station Freedom.

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Soviet space race secrets go on sale to highest bidder

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

DISPERSAL of the Soviet Union's best-kept secrets takes a giant leap this week with the sale of documents, artefacts, and even a spacecraft from its early space programme.

The array of technological leftovers from the space race, which go on the block next Saturday at Sotheby's in New York, is the stuff that spies would once have killed for. Now they can be purchased for a few thousand dollars.

With the end of the Cold War and the collapse of communism, impecunious Russian officials, space technicians and astronauts are selling off their souvenirs, equipment and documentary records to the highest bidder. Some of the items are being offered for sale by Russian government agencies, and historians say they will provide an important historical record of Soviet successes and failures in space.

The most dramatic and bulky item for sale is the Soyuz TM10 capsule, which is expected to sell for between $3 million and $5 million (£2 million and £3.4 million). The sale includes the diaries of Dr Vasili Mishin, former head of the Soviet space programme ($30,000), and a draft of instructions issued to Yuri Gagarin during the first manned flight in space in 1961 ($10,000).

Scholars who have had to rely largely on secondary sources in studying the Soviet space programme say the 31-volume Mishin diaries covering from 1957 to 1974 will provide evidence of the way the Soviet Union approached the exploration of space, as well as the problems of bureaucratic inefficiency and political rivalry. "Any attempt at telling the history of the space race without the material in these notebooks will be second-rate," James Oberg, a space historian, told *The New York Times*. "These may be the key contemporary account of the space race." Mr Oberg said the diaries starkly reveal the "bitter and destructive rivalries between industrial groups within the space programme".

The diaries prove the importance attached by the communist regime to the race to the Moon, a contest abandoned in 1969 after the Apollo 11 landing. It was not until 1989 that Soviet officials finally admitted trying to beat America to the Moon and displayed the original spacecraft designed for that purpose.

In a post-flight report, Gagarin describes gazing back on Earth with its "very characteristic, very beautiful blue halo". He also offers the first personal description of weightlessness during space flight. "Initially it was an unusual sensation. It is my subjective opinion that the effect of weightlessness does not affect the body's ability to to work or perform physiological functions," he wrote.



Gagarin: flight reports to be sold at auction

Clinton camp split on Korean offer

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AFTER initial optimism, President Clinton and his aides are growing quickly more cautious about North Korea's offer to allow greater access to its nuclear sites and are divided over how to respond.

The offer, made on Friday, has been found to restrict international inspectors at the two most sensitive installations at Yong Byon, a nuclear reactor and a nuclear reprocessing plant that could be used to separate plutonium for a nuclear bomb.

The proposals will be discussed at a Cabinet level meeting today that will try to fashion a reply. The Clinton Administration is treating the issue as its most pressing and serious foreign policy problem because of the instability posed by the threat of North Korean weapons to East Asia and, in particular, to South Korea and Japan.

The North Korean offer was in answer to an American proposal suggesting eventual aid and diplomatic recognition to Pyongyang if its Stalinist regime would agree to abandon the suspected nuclear weapons programme.

Vice-President Gore, appearing on NBC's *Meet the Press* yesterday said there were good and bad things in the North's response. "We are evaluating it and will make the next step carefully and deliberately," he said, but America needed a reasonable degree of certainty that North Korea would not make problems. Failing that, the UN would need to consider economic sanctions.

"North Korea should not misunderstand or underestimate the resolve of the world community," said Mr Gore, who is now taking a more prominent role in foreign policy.

☐ **Seoul:** More than 20,000 farmers shouting "no foreign rice" held a rally in subfreezing temperatures, protesting at government moves to open South Korea's rice market. The Agriculture Minister, Huh Shin Haeng, has said the government could no longer keep the market closed to other nations. *(AFP)*

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Marathon talks bring envoys nearer to trade deal

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS AND CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

☐ Sir Leon Brittan and Mickey Kantor, his American counterpart, should complete their talks today, leaving eight days for completion of a global Gatt treaty

THE world's trade ambassadors spent the weekend securing political agreement from key leaders for the final moves in talks between the European Community and America which should be concluded here today. The results are due to be sent to Geneva, where impatient negotiators have eight days to finish a global trade treaty.

Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, arrives in Brussels this morning for what is intended to be a final bargaining session with Sir Leon Brittan, the EC's trade commissioner, on points not settled by their talks last week. If they clinch a deal, the two men are expected to fly to Geneva this evening to present their conclusions to around 100 other countries hoping to tie up a lengthy worldwide treaty by a deadline of December 15.

Both sides have been making optimistic noises for several days, but EC officials said cautiously yesterday that several difficult issues had been left unresolved when Mr Kantor left Brussels last Thursday. "I don't think you can assume that the weekend will clear everything up," said one official. "There is quite a lot to do in a short time."

Negotiations are still stuck on import quotas for American films and television, the distribution of cuts in some import tariffs, enforcement of new international trade rules, steel and maritime shipping.

Since Sir Leon and Mr Kantor last spoke, the American trade representative has returned to Washington to brief President Clinton. Sir Leon saw a supportive Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, on Friday and the French government yesterday. Both the European Commission, which negotiates on behalf of the EC's 12 states, and the US government have kept in very close touch with the government in Paris in the hope of heading off last minute French opposition to the final compromises.

Sir Leon hopes to present an agreed EC-US package to EC foreign ministers here tomorrow afternoon. Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, has said that he wants a full and detailed written version of the agreement but the talks have been so prolonged that no such document is likely to be available. "I don't think that the whole thing will come tumbling down if we don't get it written down," one EC official said yesterday. "The result turns on whether the deals are right and whether they stick. Most of the negotiations now involve matters of political cosmetics and presentation."

Signs of the concessions which might emerge in a last-minute rush could be seen in Japan and South Korea over the weekend. Ministers in Tokyo and Seoul suggested that both countries would remove one of the main obstacles to a global agreement by agreeing to lift their ban on rice imports.

Once the Gatt deal is sewn up, the next big hurdle for the Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, will be convincing his own Gaullist party and public opinion that the final accord does not represent a French surrender. After a year of anti-Gatt rhetoric from the government, farmers and the opposition, French public opinion sees the free-trade pact as an ugly device being imposed on their country. A big factor in the public reaction will be determined by the farmers who have conducted a noisy and often violent campaign against the accord.

Though militant French farmers joined a violent demonstration in Geneva on Saturday, there are signs that the mainstream FNSEA union is preparing to step into line with the government and accept the argument that M Balladur had obtained the best possible terms.

The reaction of the militant Co-ordination Rurale farmers' group was likely to be less friendly, though support for the organisation has abated as the government has handed out lavish special grants to farmers during the year.

French acceptance is certain, however, to produce an outcry from the nationalist forces in the Gaullist and socialist opposition parties, who both see Gatt as a threat to French national interests.

Brussels: World textile trades unions have called for the inclusion of minimum labour standards, including freedom from child labour and discrimination, in a Gatt accord.

The Brussels-based International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation said laws were needed to stop the exploitation of children as cheap labour, often in place of their parents. *(Reuter)*



Farmers opposed to any Gatt deal trying to force their way through barricades near the entrance to the Gatt headquarters in Geneva

Their case was championed yesterday by Sir James Goldsmith, the Anglo-French financier, who said those who were encouraging French acceptance of the Gatt "are in the process of betraying French society".

Sir James and the anti-Gatt forces believe free trade will benefit mainly the United States and the Third World nations with cheap wages. They want France to adopt protectionist measures to defend itself.

However, bad-tempered confusion last night surrounded M Jacques Delors' high-priced plans to drag Europe out of recession designed as the centrepiece of this week's EC summit.

The president of the European Commission refused to show the document to European finance ministers meeting in Brussels yesterday, leaving a colleague to give a brief outline. "The ministers felt they should have had the final version before them," one diplomat said.

M Delors has been hoping that EC leaders would be more sympathetic to a package containing impressively large sums of money without devoting too much attention to the small print and implications for national public expenditure bills.

The document, known as the White Paper for growth, competitiveness and jobs, includes huge spending plans to improve infrastructure such as roads, rail and information systems throughout the community. It also calls for changes in labour market laws, co-ordinated wage freezes and an EC carbon energy tax.

However, there is confusion over how much money M Delors is asking for. The white paper includes a bottom line figure of £442 billion over the next six years. However, much of this appears to include existing spending plans. Only £6.2 billion a year to be raised by a new "Eurobond" issued by the EC's Investment Bank, would actually be new spending.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, said on his way into the meeting that all kinds of figures were being touted. "These have to be sensibly decided," he said, "if there are serious proposals for investment we will look at them." British officials point out that extensive EC loan facilities have not yet been used to the full and argue that new plans should be put on hold. The EC finance commissioner, Henning Christophersen, said that no extra public spending would be required. "There is a misunderstanding," he said.

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Extremists look for big gains in Italian polls

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALIANS voted yesterday in mayoral elections dominated by close contests between neo-Fascist and left-wing candidates that are seen as a vital test of the public's faith in the democratic process.

In Rome, fine weather bolstered the turnout in the closest battle between Gianfranco Fini, Leader of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI), and Francesco Rutelli, the Green former Environment Minister, backed by a left-wing alliance. By 11 am, 12.8 per cent of the Roman electorate had voted compared with 11.8 per cent in the first round two weeks ago.

An opinion poll for *La Repubblica* predicted Signor Rutelli would win with 53.5 per cent of the vote against 46.5 per cent for Signor Fini. However, commentators are wary of opinion polls because many Italians do not like to admit sympathy for the neo-Fascists publicly. The city's Chief Rabbi and partisan veterans' organisations have urged citizens to stop Signor Fini so as not to offend the memories of thousands of Romans killed in Nazi-Fascist massacres during the Second World War.



Fini: neo-Fascist battle with Green minister

In Naples, the opinion poll gave Alessandra Mussolini, the grandaughter of the dictator, 46 per cent of the vote against 54 per cent for Antonio Bassolino of the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left. Signora Mussolini, 30, hopes for support from many of the 290,000 Neapolitans who abstained in the first round.

Four people were arrested over the weekend on charges of pasting up posters bearing semi-nude pictures of the niece of Sophia Loren on walls around the southern city. Two left-wing militants were injured in Rome when a band of Nazi-skins attacked them while pasting up pro-Rutelli posters.

"A victory in Rome for the right represented by the MSI would have enormous negative repercussions," *Il Messaggero* said. The mayoral elections are widely viewed as a dress rehearsal for a general election to be held in the spring.

The devolutionist Lombardy League hoped for surprise victories in Genoa and Venice, but opinion polls in those cities also favoured left-wing candidates. The former Communist PDS hopes the mayoral elections, involving some eight million Italians in all, will provide a springboard for it to enter and possibly lead a coalition government after parliamentary elections in March or April.

Giorgio Napolitano, the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, said he expects the transition government of the Prime Minister, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, to complete essential business by December 21, including approval by parliament of electoral reform legislation. President Scalfaro is then expected to set a date for the general election. Parliament is to begin examining Signor Ciampi's austerity budget for 1994 today.

The first round of the local polls virtually wiped out the traditional centrist parties, the Socialists and Christian Democrats, penalising them for their politicians' deep involvement in the *tangentopoli* (bribe city) bribery scandal that Milan investigating magistrates uncovered in February 1992.

Mario Segni, a former Christian Democrat MP and son of a former Italian President, last week launched a desperate campaign to form a moderate alliance to fight the left in the general election. Signor Segni, the main organiser of Italy's April election reform referendum, has received support for his ambition to become Prime Minister from the rump of the Christian Democrats led by Mino Martinazzoli.

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Communists and Fascists join race to challenge Yeltsin

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ Although the Russian President himself is not a contender in next Sunday's election, his team seeks a mandate for continuity. His opponents have different priorities

AS RUSSIA enters the final week of the election campaign, here are the parties and personalities involved in the democratic experiment:



RUSSIAN ELECTION



Yavlinsky: reform voice

PRO-REFORM

☐ **Russia's Choice:** Pro-government bloc closest to President Yeltsin. Yegor Gaidar, the Economics Minister and proponent of radical reform, heads the list, which also includes Andrei Kozyrev, the Foreign Minister, and Anatoli Chubais, who heads the government's privatisation drive. Likely to emerge as the leading bloc in the state Duma, opinion polls give it between 20 and 30 per cent of the vote. Mr Gaidar is standing by his commitment to reduce the state's involvement in economic management, but high inflation and a continuing slump in output have prompted him to introduce more protectionist elements into his programme. He recently pledged to offer protection to Russian firms from foreign imports. Russia's Choice has the advantage of being the "government party", but it has taken heavy punches from other contenders over the economic record of the past year. As *Pravda* put it: "The only party from which you know what to expect: just feel how little is in your wallet."

☐ **Yabloko (Apple) bloc:** Led by Grigori Yavlinsky, a young reform economist who has been trying out alternative nostrums for the transition to capitalism in Nizhni Novgorod (Gorky). Mr Yavlinsky accuses the Russian leader of autocratic tendencies. Yabloko is emphasising slower paced, more considered reform.

☐ **The Party of Unity and Accord:** headed by Sergei Shakrai, First Deputy Prime Minister and close Yeltsin aide, puts emphasis on a stronger regional role in decision-making. Mr Shakrai has chosen to depart from Russia's Choice because he was disenchanted with Mr Yeltsin's handling of the October events and treatment of the regions after the showdown with parliament. He has been joined by Aleksandr Shokhin, responsible for Russia's vast debt negotiation with the West, and the pair are campaigning on the platform of "reform with a human face".

☐ **Movement for Democratic Reforms:** Led by Anatoli Sobchak, convivial mayor of St Petersburg, and Gavril Popov, ex-mayor of Moscow. The bloc is seeking votes principally from those supporters of the democratic project who dislike Mr Yeltsin's autocratic style. It is hoping to gather the votes of the disillusioned intelligentsia, calling for free higher education and investment in Russia's dilapidated universities and institutes.

THE CENTRE

☐ **Civic Union (for Stabilisation, Justice and Progress):** Led by Arkadi Volsky, the head of the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, who speaks for the powerful military-industrial lobby. Mr Volsky has been the most vociferous proponent of the interests of vast Soviet-era enterprises. He wants slower, structured reform with a central role for the state, opposes the government's tight fiscal policies and is seeking higher taxation for the rich.

☐ **Democratic Party of Russia:** Another one-man band, led by Nikolai Travkin, the former Civic Union scion who fell out with Arkadi Volsky. Most things to most people, Mr Travkin bangs the popularist drum, wants to see a stronger Russia distinct in culture from the West and is campaigning mainly in the provinces seeking to profit from dissatisfaction with the urban style of the reform parties and the Civic Union.

☐ **Future of Russia — New Names.** Led by Vyacheslav Lashchevsky, it is the sandpit of political ambition and is treating this election as a dress rehearsal for better things to come. Features bright, frustrated politicians from the moderate-conservative Smena group, such as Andrei Golovin, who failed to back the right horse in October.

ANTI-REFORM

☐ **Russian Communist Party:** Inspired by the comeback of former communists in Poland, the remains of the mighty CPSU is enjoying a high-profile campaign. Led by Gennadi Zhuganov, former head of the Soviet Communist Party's propaganda department, who has a fine grasp of sophistry. He criticises the draft constitution which he maintains will give Mr Yeltsin "more power than the Pharaoh, Tsar and General Secretary put together".

☐ **Agrarian Party:** Standing with the Communists in single-candidate constituencies. Led by Mikhail Lapshin, favours collective and state farming and wants strict controls on proposed private ownership of land.

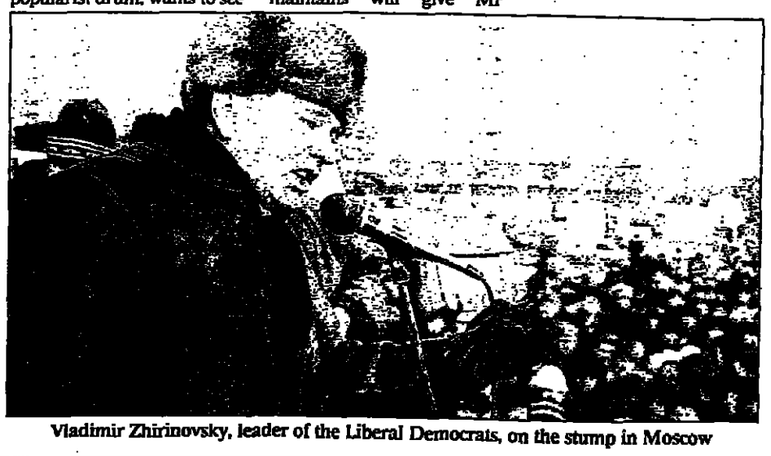
☐ **Liberal Democratic Party:** Carries off the "best misnomer" award. Led by Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the flamboyant neo-Fascist who wants to recolonise former Soviet territories, including Finland, and preaches Slavic supremacy. He aims to rid Russia of "alien" influences, such as foreigners, Jews and McDonalds.

SINGLE-ISSUE

☐ **Dignity and Charity Alliance:** Poetically describes itself as the home of "small boats in a large river which in the turbulent stream of life today are unable to find a mooring". The alliance, effectively a pressure group for the hard done by, unites Russia's Veterans' Council, Invalids' Society and the Chernobyl Union. Its leaders will work with anyone providing a strong social support programme.

☐ **Women of Russia:** Only party with a distinct commitment to women's interests. Candidates include female entrepreneurs, intellectuals and women from the Black Sea Fleet, with hefty ballast from the old Soviet Women's Committee.

☐ **Kedr (Cedar) The Constructive Ecological Movement:** Campaigning for a stronger environmental component in public policy, enjoys support in polluted regions and from "green" democrats disillusioned with Mr Yeltsin's record on nuclear dumping and toxic emissions from industry.



Vladimir Zhirinovsky, leader of the Liberal Democrats, on the stump in Moscow

Local vote deals blow to Kohl

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY launched its marathon year of 19 elections yesterday with a round of local council voting that seemed likely to cast an ever darker cloud over the political future of Helmut Kohl.

The Chancellor's Christian Democratic Union suffered heavy losses and the former communist Party of Democratic Socialism surged in local polls in the east German state of Brandenburg, a television exit poll showed.

The Social Democratic Party, the main opposition in Bonn, came out as the strongest party with 36 per cent of the vote, marked by a sharp drop in voter turnout since the local polls in May 1990.

The local council elections in Brandenburg embrace only 1.9 million voters in the province close to Berlin, but they are an important pointer. The cover story of today's *Der Spiegel* is entitled: "Kohl's power disappears: the end of an era." Even papers traditionally loyal to the Christian Democrats find it hard to say anything positive. Instead they carry a maelstrom of rumours about the Free Democrats' intentions to cut loose from the tired government coalition or a backbench plot to replace Herr Kohl.

The Brandenburg elections are the first of 19 local, regional, European, presidential and national elections to be held between now and October. The lack of local interest has baffled the pundits: in 351 out of 1,700 communities nobody wanted to stand for mayor.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gaddafi remains defiant

Nicosia: Two days after new United Nations sanctions went into effect, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, has again ruled out handing over two suspects wanted for trial in Britain or the United States over the Lockerbie bombing.

He told *Al-Majalla*, the Arabic-language weekly: "We want the trial to be fair, we want it to take place in a third country." *(AFP)*

Family tragedy

Bangkok: A young couple who could no longer bear their poverty poisoned their daughter, two, with pesticide and then hanged themselves in Thailand's far north, police said. *(AP)*

Life lines

Hong Kong: Fong Kong-hei, aged three, left alone at home, fell 19 floors from a flat into a flower bed and lived after his fall was repeatedly broken by window clothes-lines. He is expected to recover. *(Reuter)*

Burglar dies

Miami: Frank Sturgis, one of five men who began the Watergate scandal that brought down Richard Nixon by breaking into the Democratic campaign office, has died of cancer, aged 68. *(Reuter)*

Activists march

Tokyo: Human rights activists and MPs marched here and in other cities demanding an end to hanging. Four murderers were executed in Japan last month. *(Reuter)*

UN soldier killed by landmine in Bosnia

FROM REUTER IN SARAJEVO

ALL three warring factions in Bosnia were yesterday involved in shelling attacks in Bosnia. The United Nations said a Spanish soldier died when a landmine exploded near a planned aid route.

Muslim-controlled Sarajevo radio said more than 1,000 shells hit Maglaj and Tesanj in northern Bosnia during a 24-hour combined Serb and Croat attack. The shelling killed eight people and wounded 20 in the Maglaj enclave on Saturday, the radio said. It also accused Bosnian Serbs of pressing an offensive against Muslims in the north-eastern village of Teocak.

At Zepce, north of Sarajevo, clashes between Croats and Muslim forces at the weekend were the heaviest in months, Croat radio said. Muslim forces fired 250 tank and mortar rounds on Croat positions, killing four civilians, it added. Tanjug news agency said Muslim forces were also stepping up attacks on Serb positions round Sarajevo.

The Spanish soldier was killed and another wounded near the Salakovac dam on the Neretva river, northeast of Mostar, a UN Protection Force spokesman said. "The area is contested by the Croats and Muslims. It is a confrontation line area, so we do not know which side laid the mine," he said in Zagreb.

Up to 65 UN troops have died since the UN peacekeeping operation began.

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JOHN MANNING

John Patten: "Universities must remain centres of high academic standards"

Why degree of quality is essential

The Times Essay

***John Patten**, the Education Secretary, sets out his vision for the future of higher education. Universities must diversify, yet not compromise their high standards. And students must accept that no longer is there such a thing as a free degree*

Some 11,000 miles away at New Zealand's University of Otago, courses are being offered to the "intellectually challenged". Opening the doors of universities to all and sundry is one way of growing a higher education sector.

It is, however, not a good one if universities are to remain the pinnacles of excellence, the ivory silos fit for the toil of scholarly elites that we expect them to be. The day we sacrifice these essential principles on the ever-growing altar of political correctness will mark the beginning of the self-destruction of one of the nation's greatest assets.

The experience of this country, dating back to the Robbins Report in 1963 and more especially during the past 14 years, is that in higher education quantity and quality *can* be reconciled — most of the time. The 1960s did indeed see university expansion on a then unprecedented scale. New universities sprang up, polytechnics were born, course offerings expanded and many thousands of students entered the previously forbidden world of post-18 education.

It is often said that Robbins precipitated a revolution in higher education. True. But what we are witnessing in the early 1990s is a second, much bigger and more lasting revolution. It derives from no particular report. It is associated with no particular individual. There is no instantly identifiable icon for future generations to genuflect to. It is a much quieter revolution — perhaps too quiet — but a revolution none the less.

Never before have so many 18-year-olds entered higher education. Of that age group, one in three now go from school or college to university. In just five years, we have doubled the level of participation. The expansion in numbers at university this autumn is equivalent to the creation of 12 new universities, Robbins-style.

The expansion is staggering in its extent and a cause for celebration. We have reached our target for student participation six years ahead of schedule. Never in the not-always-glorious history of election manifestos has a commitment been delivered so far ahead of time! This expansion allows universities unparalleled opportunities to diversify and, above all, play to their strengths. I have no wish to see, and no intention of imposing, rigid uniformity in higher education. I am sure universities do not want that; nor students.

Students should be able to study at those universities able to deliver the best teaching and research in their subjects. In many cases, that may well be the local university. In other cases, it will entail moving away from home.

By playing to their strengths, universities will be able to attract students best suited to the type of education they offer. That is as it should be. Some universities are strong in several pure research areas; others specialise in applied research; a lot teach well, that most demanding of aspirations. Some will attract more research funding than others. With research funds from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) now allocated selectively, there is bound to be competition, and a good thing too. But funding is related to the real quality of departments, rather than the perceived quality of the institutions. This ensures a concentration of research activity that reflects the individual talents of the universities.

I have no desire to see any rigid boundaries. We do not wish to create research universities or "teaching-only" universities, and if we did, we do not have the power in law to do so. Left to their own initiative, universities will usually produce a better outcome than any government could do by second-guessing them. It is for universities to develop the research and teaching strategies best suited to their particular needs — even if one or two fail, have to be rescued or be taken over by more thriving institutions. The only imperative I intend to stipulate is that quality must be paramount. It *has* to be maintained. The changes in funding allocation through the HEFCE are designed to improve it. There can be no dilution of quality in what universities offer.

> **'The only imperative I intend to stipulate is that quality must be paramount. It has to be maintained'**

For 18 and 19-year-olds, universities are there principally to offer degree and diploma courses. They must not enter an educational Disneyland of remedial teaching for a year to prepare them for a normal three-year degree course. If applicants cannot cope with a course, universities should not admit them.

The task of preparing would-be students for university rests with the schools and colleges, and vice-chancellors must, if necessary, make clear to schools what is expected of them. Some are prepared to mutter about standards to me in private, but not show much intellectual leadership to schools in public.

Universities do not exist to do the jobs that should be done by schools. They exist to offer good degree and diploma courses. They also engage in high-quality pure and applied research and offer professional training to those in mid-career. This country boasts many outstanding university departments and a good few outstanding scholars. Many are renowned nationally and internationally for the quality of their research. That is why they get a top rating of 5 in the university rankings. The more they do so, the stronger are the institutions of which they form a part.

The emphasis must be on quality. To ensure such quality and high standing of post-graduate research degrees such as PhDs, it is necessary that they not be allowed to drift on endlessly. That is why I welcome the vigorous approach being taken by institutions such as the University of Leeds — under the leadership of my fellow geographer, Alan Wilson — which required PhDs to be completed within four years or that is it.

Universities can feel justly proud of having expanded their numbers so significantly in recent years, while maintaining quality and ensuring greater efficiency. Education does not come cheaply. We spend vast sums on it and more came in last week's Budget. In comparison with other countries, it is a privileged sector. We treat students in higher education more generously than almost any country in Europe.

I have no intention of kicking away all the rungs of support that students receive from public funds. But I can see no moral or financial case for maintaining the existing arrangements. I am not alone. The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, the Confederation of British Industry, the Royal Society and even some members of the Labour Party have said that we need to look afresh at the way we fund university students.

There is a growing acceptance that students must make more of a contribution. Students are heavily subsidised by the rest of the working community. We should not expect the less well-off taxpayers and pensioners to continue to subsidise at even greater levels those who are the high income earners of the future. By reducing dependence on the state, we increase student appreciation of education. That seems to be the experience abroad and it is the case here, I believe, with the ever-growing number of mature students who pay their own way. Those who return to education at their own expense tend to value it more and to derive even greater reward from it than those who go straight to university from school, courtesy of a local authority grant.

We do not propose to do away with student grants, but as Kenneth Clarke made clear last week we do intend to replace grants by loans at a faster rate. The student loan system has proved the critics wrong. It has been enormously successful. Loans have been drawn on widely by students who need the facility and who know the value of a zero real rate of interest. They introduce greater equity, reducing the burden on the taxpayer, while freeing resources to support the increased number of students in higher education. Without them, we would have to deny opportunities for university education to many thousands of school-leavers.

We thus need to develop ways of allowing higher education to maintain quality, while opening it up to a new generation and new style of students. As the Vice-Chancellor of the University of North London said at a ceremony conferring an honorary degree on Madam Speaker last month: "We still talk of excellent universities, when what we mean is excellent *research* universities ... A diversified system offers many forms of excellence and it is vital that these be recognised and given equal weight in public discussion". I say hear hear to that — excellence is the touchstone.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Computer triumphs

IN THE tournament at Oviedo, Spain, a computer program, The King, has beaten Russian Grandmaster Valery Salov. Rated at 2685, Salov is the highest ranked chess player to lose to a computer. Salov's position was satisfactory after 46 moves but his 47th move was over-ambitious while his 51st was a blunder, allowing the decisive penetration of the white queen.

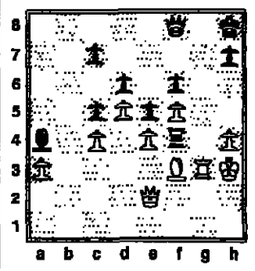
White: The King

Black: Valery Salov

Oviedo Tournament, December 4

47	h5	c6
48	Qd3	cxd5
49	Qxd5	Bc2
50	Kg2	Rh4
51	Kg1	Qb8
52	Of7	Black resigns

Diagram after Black's 46th move



PCA success

The Professional Chess Association has scored an important victory in its struggle with Fide, the international chess federation, for control of the world chess championship. The PCA is expected to announce today that it has secured sponsorship from Intel, the computer component company, of about $7 million. This will fund the two-year PCA world championship cycle as well as an international circuit of speed chess tournaments.

Karpov's reward

After his victory at the Tilburg tournament, Anatoly Karpov, the Fide champion, has been invited by the Agricultural Union of the Urals to stand as its candidate in the elections to the Russian Parliament. Garry Kasparov is also active in the election, supporting the pro-Yeltsin Russia's Choice party.

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'We are bombarded with bumf. I thought I was in Perry Mason and I've ended up in Yes, Minister'

Think-tank urges privatisation of Crown prosecutors

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT AND FRANCES GIBB

THE Crown Prosecution Service faces a new attack today in a report by a right-wing think-tank that says it should be privatised.

Just a week after the service was criticised by its own lawyers' union, which said morale had plummeted, a report by the Centre for Policy Studies says that the work of the CPS should be given to local solicitors.

"The defects of the CPS include over-centralisation, waste, an inability to control spiralling costs, as well as a persistent failure to attract quality staff in sufficient numbers," the report says.

The head of the CPS, Barbara Mills QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, has defended the service. But criticism has also come from police officers. Rank-and-file officers are increasingly concerned about the number of cases dropped. The CPS discontinued 193,774 cases last year, compared with 108,900 cases in 1988.

Mike Bennett, chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, said: "Douglas Hurd said in 1987 that the CPS was a vehicle that had to be mended on the road and it has been being mended ever since. We are constantly being told of cases that have been discontinued."

The Centre for Policy Studies says costs could be halved if the prosecution service were privatised. Its report, written by Christopher Frazer, a practising barrister, suggests that high street solicitors be appointed local Crown prosecutors, supervised by a much smaller central body. Several thousand employees of the present service would be made redundant, but some would be able to obtain work as prosecutors in local law firms.

Mr Frazer says that the enormous increased cost of criminal prosecutions since the CPS's launch might have been justified had there been a big rise in the work it handles. But he says that the numbers of cases received and dealt with fell during the period 1990-93.

Those who work for the CPS display a typical public-sector mentality in avoiding responsibility when mistakes are made, Mr Frazer says. But, despite assurances by Mrs Mills, CPS staff throughout the country claim that reorganisation of the service has undermined their efforts.

One senior prosecutor said: "It's too much change, too quickly. The CPS is falling apart at the seams. Frankly, it's a shambles. We are really going backwards. The powers that be have decided that big is beautiful and it's not. Things are now organised to keep tighter control. But I don't lay all the blame at Barbara Mills' door — there are other senior people at headquarters also responsible."

Lawyers say one result of the reorganisation, which includes 33 regional areas being merged into 12, is overwhelming bureaucracy. "The feeling is that the system is more important than the end decision," one lawyer said. "We are bombarded with bumf from headquarters. I came thinking I was in *Perry Mason* and I've ended up in *Yes, Minister*."

David Twigg, a partner in the solicitors Russell Jones & Walker in Birmingham, left the CPS in 1988 and now represents police officers facing charges, such as after the so-called Birmingham Six case.

He said: "I do get an impression that morale is even worse now that it was in my first few years of the CPS. It certainly doesn't stem from one person. Some things have been built into the culture. Some of the problems might have been alleviated or diminished, but the signs are that Barbara Mills has opened old wounds and started new wounds."

Pat McLoughlin, an associate in the Kirkby-based firm of Dooley & Co, left the CPS in February 1990 "because of the increasing bureaucracy and a sense of frustration. I would say that the emphasis is not where it should be.

"The whole rationale for having a CPS was that the correct people should be prosecuted on the correct charges to the highest posssible standard: everything else should be secondary."

Stephen Wedd, secretary of the Criminal Law Solicitors' Association, said the CPS was now better run. "But what strikes me as extraordinary is that cases which we as defence solicitors can see are losers — losers for us — the CPS discontinues.

"They always play safe. They are more worried about their loss rate than their success rate, so they discontinue rather than lose in court."



David Twigg says the DPP has reopened old wounds



Barbara Mills insists that the service is keen to prosecute appropriate cases — "but I stress appropriate"

Mills rides out storm of protest

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Director of Public Prosecutions has defended the Crown Prosecution Service against criticism that it is failing in its task.

In an interview with *The Times*, however, Barbara Mills QC concedes that the CPS is in a trough and that the present reorganisation has unsettled staff and caused a certain amount of disturbance.

"It's a bit like moving house," she said. "You move from somewhere familiar and have a difficult time settling. Things don't seem to be working terribly well. Six months later it is all lovely and you think, 'why didn't you do it earlier?'."

She accepted there was unhappiness among some members of staff who were uncertain about their future role. But she predicted that within a few months people would be setting down. At the top levels, this was already happening.

Mrs Mills also rejected criticisms that the CPS had been too cautious in seeking prosecutions. Discontinuing cases was "not a soft option. We want to prosecute appropriate cases, but I stress the word appropriate."

The CPS had been set up specifically to review cases and weed out the weak ones, as well as those to prosecute. She said that if it did not do its job, there could be further miscarriages of justice.

She said: "The media always focuses on our acquittal rate, but more important is the rate of guilty pleas. If we didn't discontinue cases, we'd have an increased acquittal rate and everyone would ask what we were up to."

Individual lawyers used their own judgment on each case and did not work to targets. But there were national targets for the service to cut the number of cases being thrown out halfway through. "We have an important public role to stop the courts being clogged with cases which are stopped halfway through and a huge responsibility to eliminate miscarriages of justice," Mrs Mills said.

The DPP also responded to the police, who have recently joined the criticism of the CPS, and urged them to look at the quality of the evidence in cases they sent to the service.

The police exercised a big discretion in what cases to proceed with and "it would be helpful if they did not send up so many cases that needed to be discontinued", she said.

But she accepted that if there was a complaint that a case had been dropped by the CPS when it should not have been, then she called for "chapter and verse" to find out what had gone wrong.

Responding to criticisms about bureaucracy and paperwork, Mrs Mills said plans were in train to computerise many of the administrative tasks.

Concerning the attacks by the police and the Bar, the DPP said: "We don't point the finger at them publicly. It is undesirable that where people are working as parts of the criminal justice process that they go in for this kind of public criticism."

Robbery evidence failed vital test

ONE case the CPS failed to pursue involved the robbery and abduction of an Asian minicab driver in west London at knifepoint.

The driver, on his third night of a new job, picked up two men, one black and the other white, who took his car and money after threatening him with a craft knife. One of the men was arrested within nine minutes of a 999 call being made to the police, after he was seen abandoning the stolen car, and the other was arrested a month later. Both men's fingerprints were found in the car and on one item inside the vehicle.

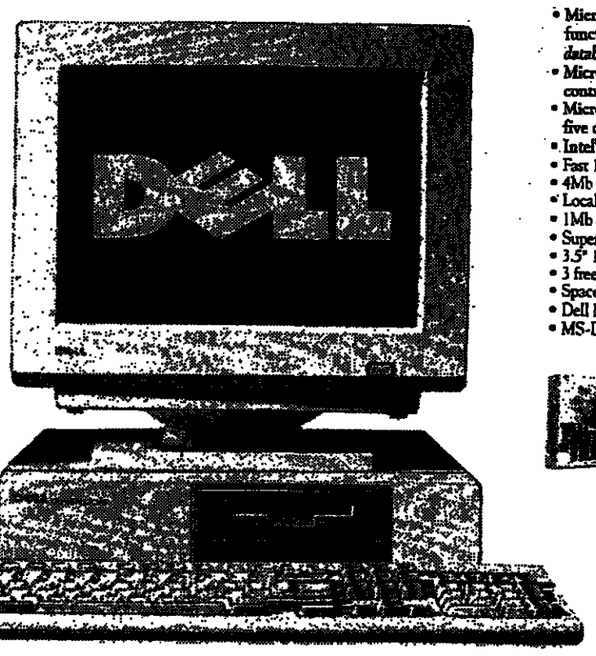
In all, there were 11 different strands of evidence that led the police to believe the case should have been pursued, despite the fact that the minicab driver failed to pick out the two men at an identity parade. But because he did not identify the men, the CPS dropped the case. It was particularly galling for the officers that the evidence was not tested in court because of the seriousness of the offence, which took place at a time of a number of assaults on taxi drivers.

There is evidence that barristers are equally concerned over the number of cases that have been discontinued. In the current edition of *Police Review*, one has placed an advertisement seeking examples of the CPS downgrading offences from indictable cases, which should be dealt with in a Crown Court, to summary offences that go before magistrates.

The barrister, who is not identified and is asking for replies to be sent to a box number, makes a specific reference to crimes of violence where charges of actual bodily harm are reduced to common assault, or a charge of affray is substituted with an offence of threatening words.

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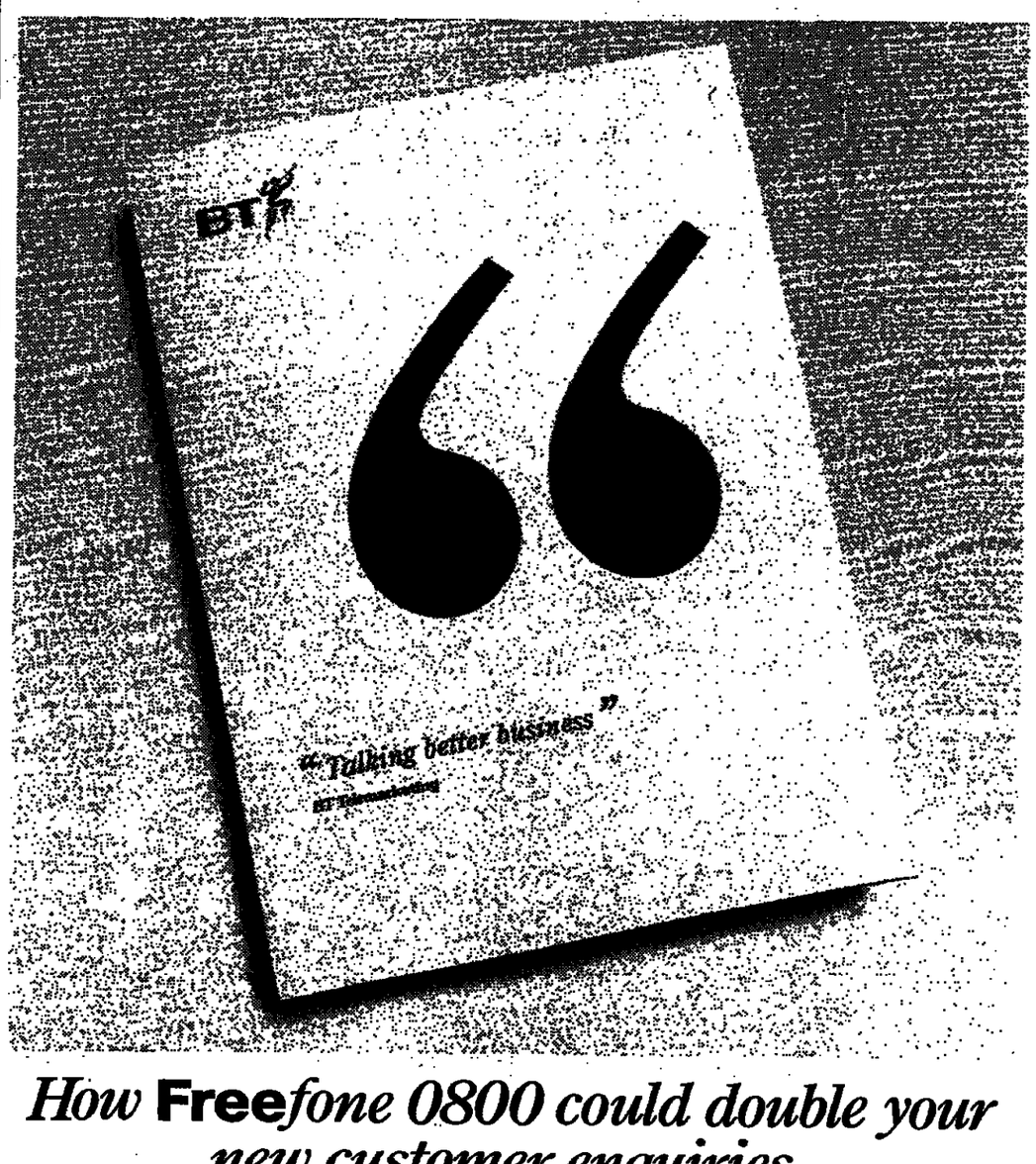
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Christopher faces daunting quest for Syria-Israel peace

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

WARREN Christopher, the American Secretary of State, yesterday began a week of shuttle diplomacy to "energise" peace talks between Israel and Syria.

In Jerusalem, before he left for Damascus, Mr Christopher, believed to be carrying new proposals from Washington, made it clear that the main purpose of his week-long visit to the Middle East would be to persuade President Assad of Syria to return to the negotiating table.

His prospects of achieving a breakthrough do not look promising, however, in part because of the different demands being made of him. The Palestine Liberation Organisation has said it would like him to intervene on its behalf to get concessions from Israel. Israel, in turn, wants him to put pressure on Jordan to sign a peace agreement.

Judging from the most recent public pronouncements on the Syria-Israel front, neither side seems ready to offer real concessions. Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, insisted at the weekend that Israel would never withdraw from all of the Golan Heights, the strategic Syrian plateau captured by Israel in 1967. This territory is regarded as the basis for a future "land for peace" agreement between the two neighbours. "We have announced that we do not rule out the principle of withdrawal," Mr Peres said on Saturday, adding: "Although we did not say from all the Golan."



Al-Baath, the official Syrian daily, said yesterday that that left little doubt about Israel's stand. "What we want in Syria is full and total Israeli withdrawal from our occupied territories as a basic precondition for achieving real peace in the region. Anyone who thinks Syria could accept anything other than that is wrong."

In spite of Mr Christopher's emphasis on his talks in Damascus, it was made clear to him at the weekend that most Israelis and Palestinians are still preoccupied with their own faltering peace negotiations and the spiralling violence in Israel and the occupied West Bank. "I urge everyone on all sides to avoid violence, to take all steps to go through this difficult period without violence," he said, speaking only minutes after details emerged of a shooting near Tel Aviv.

In the incident at Holon, a gunman of the militant Muslim Islamic Jihad tried to shoot his way on to a bus. He was himself shot and killed and an Israeli soldier was fatally wounded.

The shoot-out, the first such incident in Israel since the Israel-PLO agreement was signed nearly three months ago, came after fresh outbreaks of violence in the occupied territories. A Palestinian taxi driver died yesterday after being shot on Saturday by militant Jewish settlers in the West Bank town of Hebron, where ultra-nationalist vigilantes have gone on the rampage for three consecutive days.

Talks aimed at securing next Monday's scheduled start of the Israeli withdrawal from Jericho and Gaza resumed in Cairo yesterday amid increasing PLO doubts that the deadline can be met. At the same time discontent with Yassir Arafat's secretive and autocratic leadership of the organisation led to the creation at the weekend of a new overall committee to manage negotiating strategy. Many people doubt, however, that the committee will reduce the PLO chairman's power.



President Clinton urges a film industry audience in Beverly Hills to realise the impact of relentless exposure to sex and violence on the young and uneducated

Clinton tells the film set: play down violence

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton has called on Hollywood to join him in a partnership to curb excessive violence in films and television because of its detrimental effect on young people struggling at the edges of society.

He urged a gathering of 400 studio executives and stars in Los Angeles to realise the impact of "relentless exposure" to sex and violence on children and on the uneducated.

In recent weeks Mr Clinton, his wife, Hillary, and Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, have stepped up their criticism of film and television violence as part of a broader campaign to try to reduce America's epidemic of inner-city shootings, particularly among children. His concern has been well-received by a public increasingly worried about crime.

The President said he loved television and had been a cinema-goer "almost to the point of compulsion". He was not advocating wholesale change, but he needed help in bringing "a whole generation of people back from the brink".

He pleaded with his film industry audience: "What I ask you to do is join a partnership with me, not to stop entertaining or even titillating, not to stop frightening or thrilling the American public, but to examine what together you might do to simply face the realities that so many of our young people live in. Help us as we seek to rebuild the frayed bonds of this community, as we give children non-violent ways to resolve their own frustration."

Most people whose lives are organised around work, family and community have the values to offset screen violence, Mr Clinton said. But for those lacking such values, hours of film and television violence can cause behaviour that is destructive to the nation's social fabric.

Despite the reproach, his remarks were received approvingly by such stars as Whoopi Goldberg, Alec Baldwin, Kim Basinger, Quincy Jones and Chevy Chase. At the same time as criticising Hollywood's addiction to violence, Mr Clinton collected $2 million (£1.3 million) for Democratic Party funds.

Those attending his speech paid $1,000 while 60 paid $2,500 to meet and be photographed with him. An even more elite crowd, including Steven Spielberg and Barbra Streisand, contributed up to $100,000 to attend a dinner given by Marvin Davis, an oil and property tycoon. There was considerable grousing that the first two fund-raisers were organised by the Creative Artists Agency, leading to the exclusion of stars handled by other agents.

The press was kept out of all events except the speech, to which only a small pool of reporters was admitted. The secrecy indicated that the White House is still sensitive to attacks levelled early on in Mr Clinton's Administration that he was too star-struck.

The take of $2 million left Mr Clinton open to questions of why he was collecting so much so-called "soft money", while pushing for reforms that would eliminate such contributions to political parties. Dee Dee Myers, his spokeswoman, answered defensively: "We didn't agree to unilateral disarmament."

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Islamic militants murder Russian woman in Algiers

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

A RUSSIAN woman was murdered in the Algerian capital yesterday, the third foreigner attacked by Islamic militants in less than a week since the expiry of their November 30 deadline for all foreigners to leave the North African country or face assassination. Last night a bus used to transport Russian military advisers was attacked east of Algiers by a man wielding a machinegun, the Russian embassy said.

According to Western diplomatic sources, the woman's murder has increased the mood of growing panic among the estimated 80,000 foreigners who remain. Several thousand have fled since the four-week deadline was declared and that number is expected to increase rapidly. Until recently foreigners have escaped involvement in the increasing violence between Islamic militants and the government they are trying to overthrow. Fears were expressed in Western circles that the success of the murder tactic in intimidating foreigners might spread from Algeria to other Arab countries where Muslim militants are trying to instal revolutionary regimes, notably Egypt and Tunisia.

The official Algerian news agency APS named the latest victim as Barahim Ayadi. It said that she was attacked while shopping at the Diar el-Afia market and died in hospital. A Russian diplomat added that the murdered woman had been married to an Algerian and had lived in the capital for ten years. Many of the estimated 100,000 foreigners who were living in Algeria before the exodus prompted by the deadline were spouses of Algerians.

On Saturday, an Italian trader was attacked with a shotgun as he walked to his car in Algiers, but he is expected to survive. Two days before, a Spanish businessman was murdered by Islamic militants 50 miles from Algiers while driving his Spanish-registered car.

The Spanish Foreign Ministry has since advised Spaniards to cancel all but essential trips to Algeria and told those already there to consider leaving. France, the former colonial power, has urged all its nationals — the majority of foreigners — to exercise caution and announced that special security measures have been taken at diplomatic missions.

In Paris, government officials admitted recently that contingency plans had been made for the possible evacuation of all French nationals if the security situation warranted it. Britain, with 400 nationals in Algeria, has warned them to take security measures.

Unita pledges ceasefire by Christmas

BY SAM KILEY
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

PROSPECTS for an end to the war in Angola by Christmas increased over the weekend after the dramatic announcement from the rebel Unita movement that a ceasefire deal had been struck with government negotiators in Lusaka, the Zambian capital.

American, Russian and Portuguese diplomats with observer status at the closed-door talks agreed with Jorge Valetim, the Union for the Total Independence of Angola's chief negotiator, that consensus had been reached on "the substantive military issues". But yesterday the government's head of delegation to the Lusaka conference was quoted on Angolan state radio shortly after he arrived back in the capital, Luanda, as saying that "no understanding had been reached" between the two sides. Since 1974 Angola has had just 18 months of peace during the long-running civil war between Unita, which had South African and American backing, and the government, which was supported with Soviet technology and 50,000 Cuban troops until a peace agreement in 1991.

Since last year's general elections collapsed back into war, Angola has seen the heaviest fighting in almost two decades of conflict. According to the United Nations, which has brokered the recent talks, at least 1,000 people are dying every day in Angola from famine and war injuries.

Several rounds of talks in Ivory Coast and elsewhere have resulted in no breakthroughs this year, in spite of occasional "ceasefires" which have been obscured by the miasma put up by hawks and doves on both sides. But yesterday Dr Valentim, close aide of Jonas Savimbi, head of Unita, said that Unita and the government had struck a lasting deal. "If the government delegates are denying it, that is a political tactic and I do not want to comment because negotiations are continuing," he said.

Both sides have suffered badly since the war restarted in October last year. Independent experts estimate that 80 per cent of the government's foreign exchange earnings from diamond and oil is being spent on arms. Unita, with an army about half the size of the 100,000 government soldiers, has been spread thin. Both sides have battered towns such as Malange, Huambo and Cuito into rubble.

"All issues relevant to the ceasefire have been agreed in the presence of international observers. This is not a capitulation by either side. We have agreements on the role of the UN, return of prisoners, the free circulation of people and goods, and the disengagement of troops. We have also discussed where and how to concentrate troops so that they can be disarmed. We want to continue on this very positive line," Dr Valentim said.

Diplomats in Lusaka said that the government's denial of a ceasefire deal reflected unease over unanswered political questions such as what role Dr Savimbi would play. Dr Valentim said that Unita would, when the "security, material and psychological time is right", return to the election process and that Dr Savimbi would contest the second round of presidential elections which were suspended in October last year. "We would like to see a decentralised state, not divided along tribal lines. What matters now is that we stop this terrible war."

Coup fears taint poll in Venezuela

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN CARACAS

WITH two former presidents under investigation for corruption and widespread rumours of a military coup in the offing, Venezuelans voted in general elections yesterday understandably nervous about the outcome and wondering whether democracy is worth the effort.

Many did not bother to vote. An estimated 20 per cent of the electorate failed to register their names, and pre-election polls showed 25 per cent of the ten million voters were undecided. "What's the point of voting. We are tired of too much democracy. In Venezuela power only corrupts," said Jorge Andrade, a disenchanted policeman who was more concerned about the safety of his family in the event of a military coup.

Oil-rich Venezuela is facing its worst political crisis in decades. For 35 years it has been one of Latin America's most stable democracies. But recent political instability has left many politicians happy merely to reach election day with democracy still intact.

Although most politicians dismissed the coup rumours as alarmist, two coups within the military nearly toppled President Pérez last year. Ironically, he was ousted by more democratic means — impeached by congress for alleged embezzlement of £11.3 million.

Coup fears were boosted on Thursday when the army uncovered what it said was an coup plot by retired General Carlos Ramírez. The rumours were serious enough for two senior Clinton officials to visit Caracas.

US calls on Colombia to smash Cali drug barons

FROM MICHAEL STOTT IN BOGOTÁ

WITH Pablo Escobar, the Medellin drug cartel boss, dead and buried, the Colombian government is under heavy American pressure to go after the men Washington says really control the world cocaine trade — the Cali cartel.

Based in the southwest of the country, the Cali group has quietly but ruthlessly built a trafficking organisation that is, if anything, larger, wealthier and more powerful than Escobar's.

Even as the telegrams congratulating President Gaviria on Escobar's death in a gun battle with police were still arriving at the presidential palace in Bogotá, Morris Busby, the American ambassador, was talking of the need to go after the Cali cartel.

"The death of Pablo Escobar and the dismantling of the Medellin cartel is a big success for Colombia, but now they should carry on with the Cali cartel," Mr Busby said. His words reflect concern in anti-drug circles that, although Escobar's Medellin cartel grabbed most of the limelight with its bombings and assassinations, the Cali cartel actually exported far more cocaine and heroin to Europe and America in recent years.

American officials have privately criticised what they see as Colombia's reluctance to pursue the Cali cartel aggressively. The only Cali kingpin detained in Colombia, Ivan Urdinola, has been sentenced to less than two years' imprisonment.

Attempting to address these fears, President Gaviria said on Friday that "we have the will to dismantle all the cartels", although he said the 600-strong police and army Search Unit which hunted Escobar would not be sent to Cali for the time being.

Contradicting official versions of Escobar's death, his mother and sister have said the drug lord shot himself in the head when he realised he was surrounded. Only the week before Escobar fell, the weekly news magazine *Semana* featured Cali's drug trade as its cover story, telling chilling tales of how gangs of nouveau-riche thugs bulging with cocaine money prowled city discotheques looking for women to rape and kill for pleasure.

The Cali cartel is a much tougher target than Escobar, whose thirst for publicity and penchant for terrorism gave him a high profile outside his native Medellin. Brothers Gilberto and Miguel Rodriguez Orejuela and José Santacruz Londón, the main Cali kingpins, have avoided publicity and even write letters of complaint to newspapers that describe them as drug traffickers. *(Reuter)*



President Gaviria: "we have the will to dismantle all the drug cartels"

Patten is chided for defiance

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE proposal by Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, to defy China by unilaterally legislating some of his plans for greater democracy has been labelled "bad news" for all the colony's people by Sir Percy Cradock, one of the main negotiators with Peking of past agreements on the territory and a former ambassador to China.

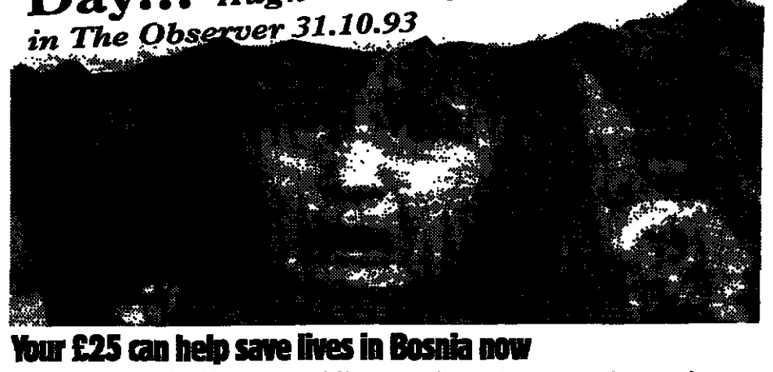
He believes the only way to avoid a disaster for Hong Kong after 1997 is to "keep lines open to Peking" and for Britain then to retreat "with some semblance of dignity".

However, Sir Percy concedes in the *South China Sunday Morning Post* that China, with which he now conducts commercial arrangements, "has always been difficult in matters affecting Hong Kong, even in the best years".

Wei Jingsheng, the best-known Chinese dissident, took another view at the weekend. "In the minds of many Communist Party officials, once they take back Hong Kong they will wield their power there. They will interfere with Hong Kong in every respect and gradually turn Hong Kong into a quasi-Communist area. The Chinese Communist Party fundamentally does not want to consider the opinion of the British Government or the people of Hong Kong."

Mr Wei opposes kowtowing to Peking. "If there wasn't international pressure, a lot of political prisoners wouldn't have been set free ... According to the usual standards of the Communist Party, many of us, including me, would have been executed."

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Murder that dare not speak its name

Can Canada close its borders to news about a horrific series of sex killings? **Ben Macintyre** reports

In Canada they are called the "Barbie and Ken" murders, a series of horrific sex-killings allegedly carried out by a young, prosperous, attractive middle-class Canadian couple called Karla Homolka and Paul Teale.

The details of this gruesome story are now being avidly discussed in every bar and coffee shop. But while they may talk about it, Canadians cannot cannot read or hear about the case in their own newspapers, radio and television.

The judge who sent 23-year-old Homolka to prison last July has imposed a total news blackout on the case in Canada to ensure that her husband receives a fair trial next year.

The ban, however, cannot cover foreign news organisations, leaving Canadians in the bizarre position of scrambling to obtain information about the case from beyond the country's borders. This is a story about the power of prurience, but it is also an illustration of how impossible it has become, in an age of high-tech information overload, to prevent the spread of news.

In the past few weeks, as foreign interest in the case has grown, the gory details of the Homolka-Teale saga have been pouring into the country, forging something close to an industry in illicit news.

Officially, the Canadian public is allowed to know only that Homolka is serving 12 years for manslaughter in the 1991 abduction and murder of two teenage girls. One of the bodies was found, dismembered, on the day that Homolka, a veterinary assistant, married Teale, an accountant now aged 29, in an expensive wedding in St Catherine's, Ontario.

The other grisly details of the case, and there are many, are strictly off-limits to the Canadian press. For sheer sadism, the allegations that emerged from Homolka's trial bear grim comparison to the Moors murders in Britain. In addition to allegedly raping and torturing their victims (including Homolka's 14-year-old sister, who later died), this clean-cut couple is accused of videotaping their acts and, with almost unbelievable cruelty, showing the videotapes of one victim's suffering to another to show her what was in store.

Rather than offer further proof of the grotesque nature of the allegations, suffice to say that a statement read at Homolka's trial by the prosecutor and agreed by the defence reportedly "left seasoned law enforcement officers and journalists in tears".

According to the judge's ruling none of these particulars may be published in Canada, thus creating an unprecedented situation where the public, avid for news, has been deliberately denied access to information freely available almost everywhere else in the world.

Some Canadians have picked up the details by tuning their satellite dishes into American programming (the case has been reported in detail south of the border), while others have persuaded American friends to fax them copies of news stories in foreign papers. A special computer bulletin board with details of the case has been set up to allow Canadians with home computers access to the information.

Since 80 per cent of the Canadian population lives within 200 miles of the American border, many have simply driven over the frontier, purchased American newspapers or magazines, sometimes in bulk, and returned home. One US newspaper estimates that it is selling more than 3,000 extra newspapers at border crossings. When the *Washington Post* published an in-depth article on the case last week, it rapidly became a collector's item in Canada, after being faxed in, photocopied and quickly distributed.

The authorities have been left desperately trying to staunch the tide. Ontario Attorney-General Marion Boyd has warned that breaches of the ban will be dealt with "very, very severely" and on Tuesday 187 copies of the *Buffalo News* newspaper (printed in America) were confiscated at the Canadian border from people attempting to bring them into the country.

In some instances the situation is close to farcical: a retired Canadian police officer was arrested after he tried to post 200 photocopies of an article about the case from a Sunday paper; Canadian cable companies have been forced to black out some US news programmes, and Canadian distributors have refused to sell American newspapers containing stories on the case for fear of prosecution.

What began simply as an exceptionally unpleasant news story has been turned into a test of one government's ability to suppress or direct the flow of information. Many observers on both sides of the Canadian border argue that attempting to ban certain news, in the era of the "global village" — when anyone with a computer and a telephone can gain access to the so-called "information superhighway" — is not just ambitious, but impossible.

"There's no way to suppress this case," according to Professor Paul Rutherford, of the University of Toronto. "The ban was a stupid act, and it's becoming more and more stupid as time goes on."

As with the publication of *Spycatcher*, interest in the story has been piqued rather than stamped out by the ban and there are already signs that the media may rebel. Two television stations in Buffalo, upstate New York, which have so far refrained from broadcasting details of the case, changed their minds and reported the story, which was then enthusiastically intercepted on the other side of the border.

Some jurists argue that the news blackout denies Canadians the essential right to form their own views about Homolka's trial. Even Teale's lawyers want the ban lifted on the grounds that, without full details of Homolka's participation, the public may perceive her as a victim of her husband.

Without sensible, coherent coverage of the case rumours are running rampant — such as the one that Teale made so-called "snuff" movies, for which there is no evidence — which could most profoundly jeopardise his chances of a fair trial.

The furore over the Homolka-Teale case has provoked sharply different reactions. To some it is proof that the hydra of information technology has outstripped our ability to control it, turning the concept of a fair trial into an anachronism; to others it reveals the impossibility of confining the truth in a free democracy.

But perhaps the main moral to be gained from this case is that even the might of the law may be powerless against the interest stirred by a truly grisly tale.

THE DARKEST CRIMES

This Story Can't Be Told in Canada. First, Paul Teale Must Go on Trial for Murder.





Accused: an underground industry has developed in gory details about killings said to have been carried out by Paul Teale (top) and Karla Homolka

Credits where credit's due

TV programme crews deserve their fleeting recognition at the end

Time, I think, that someone stood up for grips and gaffers and rostrum cameras. They have had a rubbishing recently with the news that the ITV network, worried at evidence of the public zapping away during the credits, plans to restrict them severely: woundingly observing that "there is a lot of irrelevant information in them".

Cue for morose collapse of second unit directors, overlay operators and dubbing editors. They ply their trade on windswept picturesque hillsides or sit in dark Soho broom-cupboards with flickering screens: they do not grudge the luvvies their paeans in *Hello!*. All your average location manager or script supervisor expects is that his or her name be permitted to roll briefly in front of you while you yawn, plump the cushions, and flick through the listings. It is not much to ask. It is hardly kind to break it to a Second Grip that his name is so boring the advertisers are complaining; not when he sprained his back laying yards of camera-track in the freezing rain just so that some 23-year-old RADA graduette in a poke bonnet could break the nation's hearts with a long, moody shot of her trudging off into the (equally snubbed) property department's fake snow.



LIBBY PURVES

In a neurotic, unfocused age ITV's temptation is obvious: but it would be good to see it resisted. The smallest child could demonstrate why. Toddlers are strangely civilised and humane by instinct: they will stare for ages at a man digging a hole in the road, observe his skill and appreciate it. When you take them on early train journeys they will insist absolutely on walking up the platform to say "Thank you!" to the engine driver. Or, at least, to stare into the cab and know who this fellow-human was who made the great creature roar so splendidly along the rails. They will make you sit in the car park until the Playschool team on the cassette finish their rendering of *The Wheels on the Bus* and after Postman Pat will sit bouncing in their chairs until the very end of the music and credits, remembering what they have seen.

Then we corrupt them with our restless, zapping, pointlessly hurrying emptiness: but they are right, and we are wrong. Every performance deserves to be met with a moment of appreciative recollection: a television or film performance is a composite of many crafts and arts. These people have done their best, given their all. If they were onstage we would clap; if they were a cathedral choir, we would wait for them to glimmer down the aisle into the vestry before we gathered up our bags; if they were a football team we would wave rattles at them. As it is we zap away, rationalising this rudeness with "They're well-paid", on the modern principle that everything is for sale and no labourer needs more than his hire. And BBC TV need not look so smug, either: after laying before us half an hour of extraordinary, dangerously won, beautiful film and science in *Life in the Freezer* they cannot even let us savour the last icy moments and mentally thank the makers; they fade down the closing credits to yap cheerily about whatever junk is "coming along next". Expect these crass creeps to go further: are you braced to hear a trailer for *Noel's House Party* during the majestic credits of *To Play the King*, with Urquhart not yet faded from your retinae?

"Humph," you mutter, waving the remote control defensively. "Credits might be worth it for the best stuff. But a lot of television is cynical, worthless, formulaic, exploitative junk." Well, you shouldn't be watching then, should you? Told you I was a Reithian. Sweep the rubbish off the airwaves: make only the best in each genre, and fill any gaps by doubling the credits. Teach us, once again, to thank the engine driver.

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Today St Lucia is one of the most trouble-free of Caribbean islands with more hotels, sporting facilities — and reliable transport. It remains, however, a place of contrasts and clichés. You cannot and should not avoid its "drive-in" volcano at Soufriere where an upland track leads you into a world of escaping steam, pools of molten rock and the smell of sulphur.

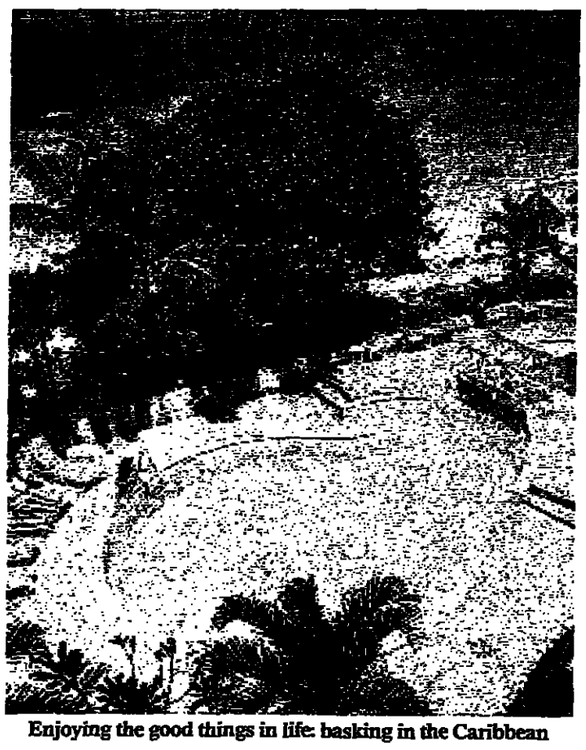
Below the volcano are botanical gardens with baths formed by the sulphur springs and, back on the coast, an unspoilt fishing village, dwarfed by the Piton Mountains rising 2,000 feet sheer from the sea.

To sybarites like me, the attractions of an all-inclusive "body holiday" at the luxury Le Sport hotel seem equally breath-taking. Many tourists, however, take the massages, seaweed baths, aerobics, weight-training and more conventional activities at a hotel with its own health spa and private beach in their stride.

The scenery of St Lucia is full of contrasts, too. The mountains and rocky bays on the west give way to fertile plains and long sandy beaches on the east. The island boasts dense rain forest, a bustling capital in Castries and historic ruins of a military fort on Pigeon Island.

No visit to St Lucia is complete without abandoning the comfort of your hotel or apartment for Friday night at the fishing village of Gros Islet. Every week it plays host to an impromptu street party or "jump-up" where visitors and locals dance in the streets to Caribbean music, enjoy spicy native food and generally have a good time. Then, for many, it's back to the "body holiday".

TONY DAWE



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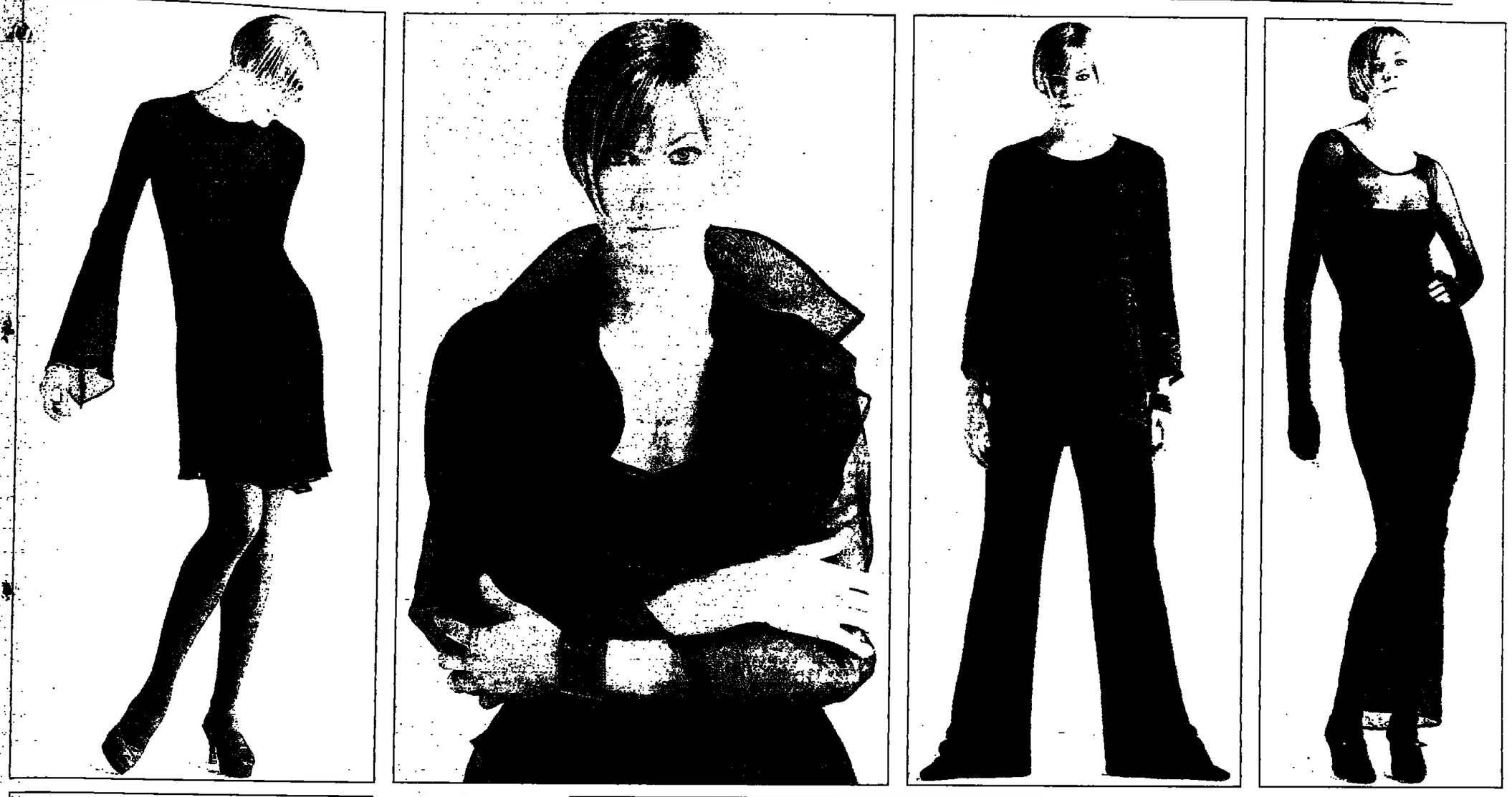
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Above: Organza wrap jacket, £35.99, Wallis, 272-274 Oxford St, W1, and nationwide. Net vest, £150, Liza Bruce, Harvey Nichols, SW1

Above left: Weave dress, £555, Donna Karan, Browns, 23/27 South Molton St, W1. Lace body, £99.50, Hanro, Harvey Nichols, SW1. Brown crêpe-heel shoes, £110, Russell & Bromley, 24/25 New Bond Street, W1, and branches

Above right: Devoré top, £256, English Eccentrics, Liberty, Regent St, W1; Harrods, SW1; Harvey Nichols, SW1. Jersey trousers, £320, Calvin Klein, Harvey Nichols. Shoes, £95, Joseph Azagury, 59 Knightsbridge, SW1. Bracelet, £112, Butler and Wilson, 20 South Molton St, W1

Far right: Mesh over dress, £225, Liza Bruce. Ribbed asymmetric dress, £110, Name Workshop, 268 Brompton Road, SW3. Silver bracelet, £98, Butler and Wilson. Shoes, £95, Joseph Azagury

Photographer: CHRIS DAWES. Hair: James Dodds for Anthony Yacomine. Make-up: Liam Dunn, Stylist: Rachel Collins

Sheer leaders show the way

Fashion and ballet danced a fine *pas de deux* last week when Sylvie Guillem performed in front of the Prince of Wales at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, wearing a black transparent leotard designed by Gianni Versace. Ms Guillem has the perfect body for such a showy see-through look, and her job as a dancer provides her with the opportunity to wear it without fear of embarrassment, or public condemnation. So what about those who aren't as fortunate?

Fashion can be for everyone; it is how you translate the trends and tailor them to fit your requirements that matters. On the catwalk, designers push their ideas to the extreme in an effort to get their message across, and undoubtedly, always at the back of their minds, is the hope of getting a picture in the papers.



Fashion

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When the shows are in full swing that, unfortunately, is exactly what does get featured — the outrageous and outlandish. With see-through it was barely-covered breasts and yards of flesh exposed through the flimsiest of filmy fabrics. Small wonder that few women think that fashion has anything much to do with them. But of course it has.

The abundance of sheer fabrics shown for autumn and winter (and continuing to be seen on the catwalks for next summer) makes the story one of the strongest this season. The fluid nature of the fabrics adds to the vogue for soft-edged silhouettes. Diaphanous chiffons, organzas, devoré velvet and gauzy knits are by far the most popular choices, but there is also a plethora of open-weave, and even distressed fabrics which can be worn to achieve gossamer coverage.

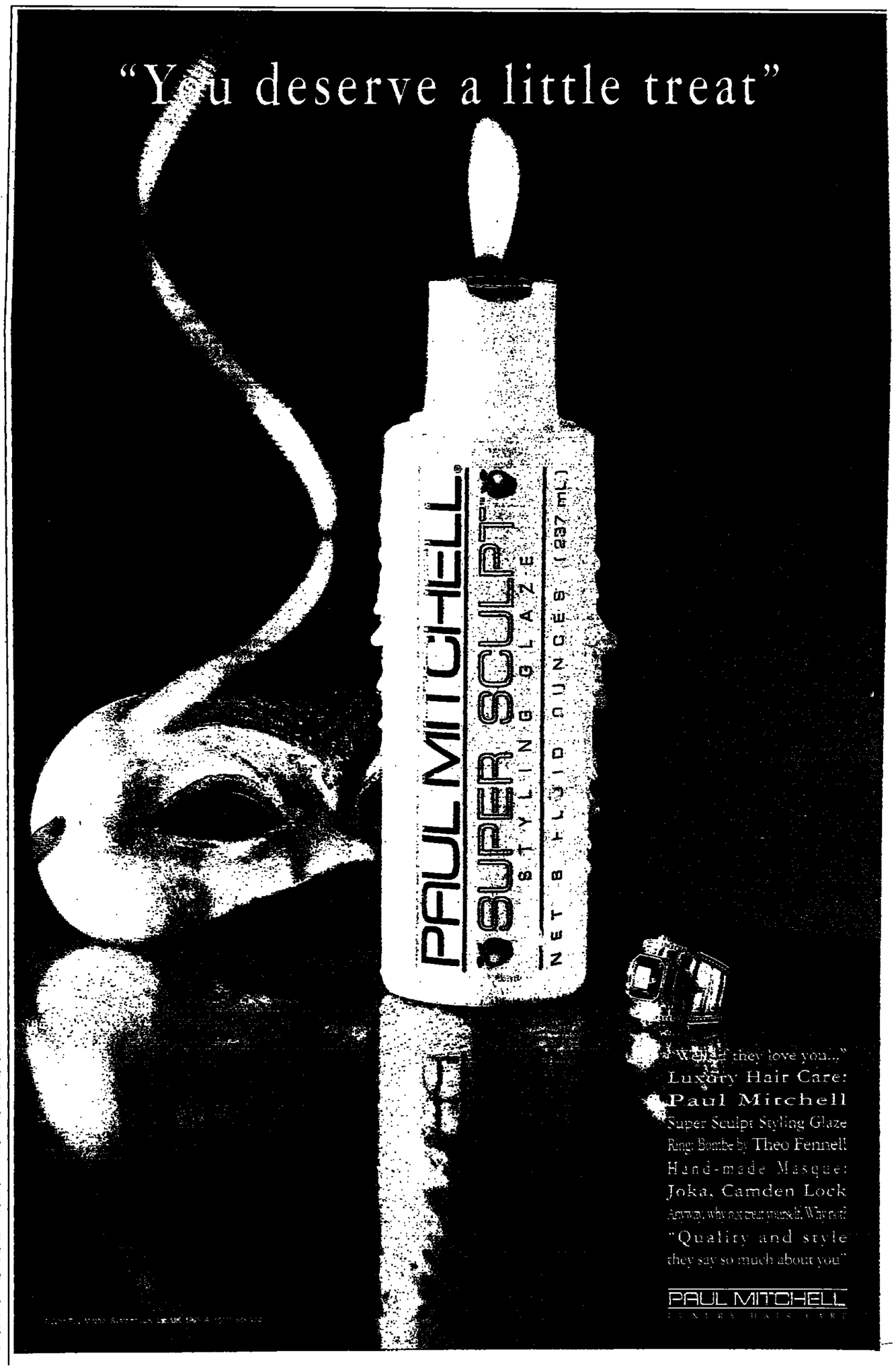
Around the globe, designers have taken transparents and worked them into their collections. Jasper Conran, Red or Dead, Krizia, Abe Hamilton for Browns' Own Label, Koji Tatsuno, Miss Selfridge and English Eccentrics used the "now-you-see-it-now-you-don't" patterned devoré which hints at the seductive see-through look. For many, this frisson of exposed flesh is just enough. In fact, English Eccentrics' Grecian-inspired tunic practically walked out of the stores as soon as it was available, with buyers re-ordering over and over again. Already they have sold more than 500 tunics (Harvey Nichols department store recently reported selling eight in just one hour). Its success proved that women do want fashion, but they want it to be easy and packaged in a way which makes it understandable and acceptable.

In almost every hosiery department of the major stores you can find sheer bodies, just like Ms Guillem's, only a tad more modest. They marry sheer sections of stretch net with panels of stretch jersey or stretch velvet. These are one of the most versatile items of eveningwear you could hope to purchase. Wear them with a long straight skirt, a voluminous ballgown affair, or even wide trousers. They have proved immensely popular with the fashionable nightclub set, who wear them with blue jeans.

Another trick which designers have used to make the look more accessible is to layer several see-through garments one over the other. This is an easy look to emulate. Take a long, simple tunic dress (Whistles offers a first-rate fashion version in stretch net), or even an elegant, long cardigan coat (Debenhams has a great dressing gown in black chiffon, and Wallis has something similar in white) and wear over a shoestring strap dress to give a similar effect. A favourite shoulderless gown can be updated by donning a flamboyant organza opera jacket.

Even trousers get the transparent touch. This need not be a cause for concern. With wide chiffon trousers, team opaque tights in a similar shade, allowing a halo of shadowy cover, while maintaining a decent disguise.

The party season offers the ideal opportunity to try something a little more *outré*. You may not know your arabesque from your elbow, but there should be nothing to stop you following Ms Guillem's stylish steps.



Matthew Parris



■ The left is a late starter in politically correct language — the toffs got in first and cornered the market

How dare the party which for half a decade tried to make us say "community charge" when we meant "poll tax", which turned shopkeepers into "entrepreneurs" and refugees into economic migrants, and which has done its best for 15 years to blur the distinction between the pursuit of profit and "the pursuit of excellence", have the gall now to attack the left for a belated attempt to catch up with the Tories and produce its own version of politically correct speech.

The Tories *invented* PC, for heaven's sake. For at least two centuries it has been the English Establishment which has perfected the use of language as a means of thought control. This is a classic Victorian ruse. The 20th-century left is a late, crass and feeble starter.

So Tory fogeys complain that liberals want us to say "he or she" when that's just what we do want to say? Who was it, pray, who told us to say "your Grace" though we mean "you" when talking to a duke? Who is it, fogeys, who for centuries has been beating children if they write "the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head" instead of "... lay down His sweet head"? Should you resist questioning whether the promotion by reactionaries of language which legitimises status is really the right-wing equivalent of left-wing PC, that is because the Tory mind-manipulation has worked. You no longer even remember that the toffs' PC is artificial. So brainwashed are we that we have come to believe that the word which reinforces deference and hierarchy is simply the correct word. But who *made* it the correct word?

Conservatives and Tories are not the same thing, but they work together. While (in the 1970s and 1980s) Conversatives were preferring "Keenya" to Kenya (its an African name dammit), Tories in the Conversative Research Department were as a matter of conscious policy substituting the "Russian" for the "Soviet" threat, to make an ideological point. These are the sort of people who, when I was a boy in the African colonies, refused to use the new, liberal word "Africans" and insisted on sticking to "natives".

For three years, every time I have submitted an article to *The Spectator* in which I have written "European Community" it has been printed as "EEC". I dare say we shall now encounter the bureau-fogey who develops a sudden affection for EEC now that the correct term is EU. These are the people who were saying "Common Market" when the rest of us had moved to EEC. Doubtless they were saying "European Coal and Steel Community" after the world had opted for Common Market. Have they any idea how boring they are?

Among Tory politicians, the politically correct term for schools' opting out has been "seeking direct grant status", while the use of "opting out" for hospitals "seeking trust status" was ruthlessly quashed.

And while we are on the subject of health care, never, at a Tory candidates' selection meeting, refer to "free" treatment on the National Health Service. Thinking Tories are unvarying in their use of *freeatthepointofuse*. The young would-be candidate is also well advised to remember that there are no freedom fighters, rebels or guerrillas in this world except on the right. On the left they are all terrorists.

Never, on a politically correct Tory platform, use the word "gay". The rest of Britain may do so, but the right says *hoh-moh-sex-you-well*. (Except of gay right-wing Tory MPs: the PC term for them is "happily married with two children"). The moral right is also insistent that inside a pregnant woman's womb is found not a foetus but an "unborn child".

> 'We've come to believe that the word which reinforces deference is simply the correct one'

Government money? Forget it. It's the "taxpayers' money". Public schools are "independent schools"; and did you for a moment think those people in cardboard boxes were homeless? Dear me, no. Nothing as pitiable as that. They're rough sleepers.

You may also care to note that the SDP and Alliance never existed — they were "the SPD, or social alliance or whatever they call themselves these days". The Liberal Democrats still do not exist. They remain the Liberals, the Tories wrongly supposing that the newer name has more voter-appeal.

Nor (for some reason to which, before fogeydom takes up its fountain pen to educate me, my indifference is profound) does a Tory recognise the flag the rest of Britain calls the Union Jack. It is the "Union flag". I suppose the left could call it the Union Jack and Jill.

And one last language tip for Tory aspirants. You may think the official Opposition is called the Labour Party. But in Tory PC this name is not recognised. There are only and always socialists.

Philip Howard advised in this column last week that we look for the point where PC crosses from thoughtfulness into fatuity. So here's a test: watch for the unemployment figures, out in about a fortnight. Will ministers have the cheek to speak of the "number of jobseekers"? It's an even bet.

Recall memory syndrome is a very American plague that is demeaning psychotherapy

Pursued by the Puritan furies

Simon Jenkins

Each American generation reruns the witches of Salem in modern dress. Whether as Prohibition or McCarthyism or the still blossoming cult of "sexual harassment", the ghost of some lost Puritan cohesion seizes the nation and sends it a little mad. Americans hate Europeans treating these ghosts as a norm. But how to react when "recovered memory syndrome" was this month's cover story on both *Time* and *US News & World Report*, and when the press is daily filled with cases to make any European liberal's hair stand on end.

US News published an eight-page investigation of the kind normally reserved for war or serial killing. It concerned a 38-year-old ethics professor with mid-life marriage woes who had "something like a dream". He related how he suddenly recalled being indecently fondled by a member of staff at a San Francisco choir camp 25 years ago. He duly traced other boys at the camp with similar recollections and finally pursued the hapless 55-year-old, now a minister, to a small town in Oregon. After demanding that the latter now "register as a sex offender", the professor sued the choir that had run the camp for $450,000.

Not to be outdone, *Time* magazine had more of the same. In its case a 39-year-old woman was induced under therapy to believe she had suffered incest by her father during childhood. She was told to confront him, sever all links with her family, and form an "incest survivors' group". This she did. She also took a college course in psychology. She then changed her mind, asked her father to forgive her and sued her therapist.

These are not isolated cases. Since the publication of books on the subject, 200,000 cases of "recovered memory of abuse" have been documented in a year. Therapy is largely unregulated and, as one lawyer remarked, a cunning therapist can turn "a $2,000 eating-disorder patient into a $200,000 multiple-personality-disorder one". Small wonder *Time* quoted the chairman of the psychiatry department at Johns Hopkins University that such cases are "the biggest story in psychiatry in a decade ... a disaster for orthodox psychotherapists".

Most cases of the syndrome are of women, who possess at present an astonishing legal potency in America. Terrified state supreme courts are falling over themselves to abolish statutes of limitation on long-forgotten child-abuse accusations. Courts and juries seem to demand no corroborative evidence for a conviction, merely a graphic recollection. No sexual act need be involved. Many accusations include satanic rituals (as in Britain's Orkney case). Teachers, priests, foster parents, anybody who has ever supervised children, live in terror of some fickle finger turning on them.

The Catholic Church has proved most immediately vulnerable. It admits that it has paid out half a billion dollars in "compensation" rather than face more than 500 priests being brought before a court. Chicago's Cardinal Joseph Bernardin is having to fend off a $10 million suit from a 34-year-old former seminarian for reducing him to "sexual compulsion" as a teenager, as a result of which he later caught Aids. The cardinal fiercely denies the charge. Medical negligence, also much abused by litigation, is terra firma compared with this morass.

What on earth can a sensible person make of all this? At one level, the cases are no more than a new version of the "fourth American freedom", freedom from unhappiness, enforceable at law. The much-vaunted American hatred of lawyers is really a form of love. Those down on their luck might once have turned to family, church or glum resignation. They now turn to a thousand therapies, and if not completely satisfied they sue. The lawyer is thus the backstop, the vehicle of blame, retribution and revenge, the friend in the lonely crowd. And the American court system, like the Ritz hotel, is happily open to all.

At one level this is an extreme form of the shift from individual to group rights seen in some British universities and local councils in the 1970s and 1980s. It was in part a response to genuine discrimination against certain minorities. In part it reflected a truth known to syndicates down the ages, that power can be pursued more effectively as a group. Trade unions are not dead, merely reborn as interest groups with legal advisers. If the outcome is to treat merit as evil or free speech as gender fascism or civil rights as cultural dominance, then too bad.

Each time I visit America at present I look in vain for the checks and balances that ended, for instance, Prohibition and McCarthyism. The Supreme Court recently ruled that, just as "recalled abuse" needs no evidence of assault to be justiciable, so "sexual harassment" now covers not just offensive language but a "sexually hostile environment". No intent to harass and no harm need be proved. Cases registered by the Equal Opportunities Commission have duly soared 30 per cent over the past six months. A worker who sent a postcard of the Folies Bergère from Paris was sacked on the complaint of a female postroom worker. At the now-celebrated Antioch College, with its "Womyn of Antioch" code, students must obtain explicit consent to any contact with the opposite sex on peril of the "sexual offence advocates".

The result is a terrorising of institutions into protective illiberalism. "Diversity policing" is a humourless cottage industry, sometimes hard to distinguish from Mao's red guards. Academics are dismissed for "incorrect" views. Newspapers such as *The New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times* are racked by censorship debates. Employees are asked the race of their grandparents. Since all this is meant to benefit "minorities", litigation defining what is a minority is worthy of apartheid South Africa. I am told a pure-bred Castilian "Hispanic" could be a minority but not a Palestinian Jew. A "native American" need only prove he is one-sixteenth Indian to claim land and avoid taxes. In cities such as Baltimore, where blacks are an overwhelming majority, they are classed as a minority.

Some Americans dismiss such incidents as marginal. That engaging optimist, Arthur Schlesinger Jr, says in *The Disuniting of America* that the pendulum of intolerance always swings to extremes. Already the recalled-memory therapists, like the Scientologists and Pentecostalists, are finding that the biter can be bit. A handful of negligence suits against therapists from patients who found that love rather than the law was the best route to happiness has stopped some therapy abuse in its tracks. These as yet are small straws in the wind.

What is extraordinary — and of transatlantic relevance — is that the professions do so little by self-regulation to protect their reputations. The result is rot by litigation. Professionals are unable to admit fault. Negligence insurance invites huge suits, and thus huge fees. The trust that used to underpin dealings between professional and client, including the acknowledgement of error, is destroyed.

I suppose what has really gone, and I doubt if this is recoverable, is the idea that life can be cruel without there being anybody to blame. America is not unique in this respect. There are no longer acts of God. From physical harm to emotional upset, humans demand the right of redress. Apology is no good. Accidents are no longer to be taken in one's stride. The hypersensitive people involved in so many of these cases are unable to take a deep breath and attack life afresh. Misery is an un-American activity. It is unconstitutional.

George Orwell would have smiled. But then Orwell was a gloomy old pessimist. I guess it will all pass.

Coruscating on thin ice

The Budget may yet be a Tory tombstone, says **Peter Riddell**



It is time to prick the post-Budget euphoria. Many City economists, press commentators and Tory MPs, who should know better, have succumbed to Kenneth Clarke's charm and daring. Some have wanted to identify themselves with a winning horse, a Prime Minister in waiting. Others have abandoned their usual scepticism to enthuse over his entertaining down-to-earth approach and to proclaim "a turning point" in Tory fortunes. But the celebrations could be short-lived. The Budget is flawed as a long-term strategy.

Mr Clarke has obviously boosted the existing recovery in Tory morale, as well as share prices, and done himself good. He probably did as much as he could, and the projected cut in the deficit was more than most expected. So he has been fêted as a miracle worker, when in reality he has been a sensible doctor trying to disguise nasty medicine in order to help the patient's self-confidence.

Last Tuesday's Budget, following Norman Lamont's last one in March, was needed because of the scale of the policy errors of the 1987-92 Parliament. The corrective action was never going to be painless. This year's Budgets combine a near-record series of tax increases over two years plus a sharp squeeze on public spending. So the initial cheers were always bound to be hollow. My initial reaction in *The Times* on Wednesday morning, that it is "too good to be true", still stands. Mr Clarke's approach is vulnerable, both where it is likely to work and where it is not. Over the next 18 months, the costs will be counted by council taxpayers, the unemployed, those currently claiming invalidity benefit, smokers, and, in time, by most middle-class taxpayers. The Institute for Fiscal Studies has estimated that the average household will suffer a 3.5 per cent fall in post-tax income.

Similar squeezes, introduced by Roy Jenkins in 1968, Denis Healey in 1975-76 and Geoffrey Howe in 1981, were highly unpopular with voters. There is no reason why the Lamont/Clarke package should be any different. There are limits even to British masochism, as will be clear when tax-slips appear next April.

The other doubts are about whether the package will work over the long term. Most economists have given the Chancellor the benefit of the doubt, believing that low inflation and probable further cuts in interest rates will offset the fiscal tightening. But there is little margin for error.

Mr Clarke's dislike of economic theorising — his ordinary bloke approach — has many presentational virtues. But it does not provide the necessary intellectual robustness if things go wrong, as they often do. What happens if, because of the European recession or weak domestic consumer confidence, the economy grows very slowly and public borrowing rises again? If inflation rises, is Mr Clarke prepared to allow the Bank of England to raise interest rates?

Central to Mr Clarke's plans is a very tight squeeze on public spending. This combines a real squeeze as well as creative accounting. That squeeze may be achievable next year in view of the cautious mood of public-sector unions, and there is scope for efficiency savings. But holding pay bills unchanged for three years would be unprecedented. If the private sector is recovering, as hoped, its pay levels will presumably be rising more rapidly, opening up a wider gap with the public sector. These gaps have never been sustainable for long and there will be growing pressures to catch up. The government is projecting a rise in spending over the next few years a third as large as was achieved in the mid-1980s, even during the heyday of the Thatcher-Lawson years.

Mr Clarke has gone for the immediately achievable rather than the sustainable. By squeezing public-sector pay and local council grants he has avoided reviewing the structure of public services. The only way permanently to rein in public spending is by eliminating or cutting back services, not by temporarily squeezing providers of services. There is little evidence of any fundamental change in departmental plans, even at the Ministry of Defence. Indeed, Mr Clarke has proclaimed himself the defender of the welfare state against the more radical ambitions of Michael Portillo and Peter Lilley. The government is still talking about constraining the growth of the state, not rolling it back.

The Chancellor also delved into the Treasury's file of clever devices to raise revenue in ways which minimise public outcry. That is why VAT was not extended further. But the marginal tax rate of many people will rise, not because of changes in the basic or higher rates, but because tax allowances are being frozen. This means that many more people move into the higher band. That is aside from the increase in national insurance contributions. Other changes, to the married couples' allowance and mortgage tax relief, plus the new taxes on air travel and insurance, further complicate the tax system. Long gone are the moves towards simplification of Lord Lawson.

The package adds up to an exercise in political survival. Mr Clarke has made the Tories look more like a party of government. His initial success at Westminster matters, since it should carry the Tories through the parliamentary arguments over enacting the measures. Mr Clarke has to hope that recovery will come, borrowing will fall and there will be room for pre-election tax cuts. But there must be at least a 30 per cent chance that the Tories will lose the next election by a clear margin: that Labour's arguments over a betrayal of past tax promises will take hold and voters will finally want a change. If that happens, then last week's Budget, necessary though much of it was, will get much of the blame. Mr Clarke may only be sorting out the errors of the past, but that may not save him, or the Tories.

Community spirit

JOHN MAJOR can finally breathe a sigh of relief. No 17 Great College Street in Westminster, the home of the anti-Maastricht brigade and the place where Margaret Thatcher set up camp for a short while after she was dethroned, has a new and rather less rebellious owner.

The Queen Anne town house has been sold for around £450,000 by the former Tory Party treasurer Lord McAlpine of West Green to Lady Wilcox, head of the National Consumer Council and, more importantly, a committed Europhile.

McAlpine lent his wood-panelled house to Thatcher and her staff of eight to help ease her withdrawal symptoms after her eviction from No 10 three years ago. When she found more permanent offices last year, it was taken over by Bill Cash and other anti-Maastricht MPs — inevitably dubbed the Great College Street gang.

Wilcox, who is also a member of the citizen's charter advisory panel set up by John Major, says the house appealed to her because she can walk to work in Grosvenor Square and the Cabinet Office. But the former fish exporter has markedly different views on Europe than the previous occupants. "I am very pro-Maastricht," comments Wilcox. "So I am going to have the house fumigated."

Teresa Gorman, MP for Billericay and arch Euro-sceptic, who spent a good many hours at Great College Street, warns against rash action, however: "Remember that Mussolini was a health fanatic and believed in fumigation."

Good news week

UNEXPECTED support for Martyn Lewis's campaign for good news came last Friday from Sir Denis Thatcher and others in the Saints and Sinners Club. Thatcher and fellow members of the male-only club, including Cliff Morgan, Dickie Davies and Ned Sherrin, formed a choir at their meeting in a West End hotel and sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing — the Martyn Lewis version".

All verses contained a shot of good news, but their exact content is a closely guarded secret. "It's against the rules of the club to say what went on," says Sherrin. "But it was very funny." Lewis is flattered: "The message is getting through — even if it is satirised."

Reinforcements

SO CONVIVIAL was the atmosphere that defence cuts were temporarily forgotten at the annual dinner and bicentennial celebrations in Woolwich on Friday of Britain's premier regiment, the 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery.



For in contrast to almost every other Army regiment, the 1st regiment is in the throes of expansion. Troops have been told that, for the first time since the Second World War, their three batteries are to be joined by a fourth.

No wonder one of the regiment's old boys, Sir John Learmont, the Army's Quarter Master General, was tucking in with particular relish — for he and Sir Michael Wilkes, the Army's Adjutant General, another old boy, are helping determine where the cuts should fall.

● *Gareth Chilcott, the former England prop whose portly frame is treading the pantomime boards in tights this Christmas, received a taste of theatre after his last game for Bath on Saturday. At a party which continued until 6am, his colleagues launched into a mock* This is Your Life. *"It was frightening," he says. "They showed pictures of me when I had hair." The pantomime wig beckons.*

DIARY

Written out

THE Booker-winning novelist Ben Okri has walked out on his publisher, the American group Random House, claiming it will not pay him enough for his next book. Okri, who won the Booker with *The Famished Road* in 1991, says there was a "disagreement over finances" for his new book *Astonishing the Gods*.

"Any publisher that loses authors as casually as they have let me go has got to have something wrong," he says, adding that he has not decided on a new publisher. "I want to go somewhere where I am appreciated. They have made over £8 million from my work and this is what happens."

Privately, Random House staff are astonished by Okri's demands, said to be more than £100,000. But officially the company is disappointed. "Our offer has been rejected and if he decides to go we will be very sad to lose him."

Holy guidance

COMPLAINTS of vote rigging have been received at the Westminster Bookshop in London after its religious book prize was won by Sister Kathleen O'Sullivan, a nun from Newmarket. By public demand, the prize was awarded to her book *Light Out of Darkness*. O'Sullivan seems to have held a sterling public relations exercise, persuading congregations in her parish churches to plump for her. She even managed to get a couple of parish magazines to publish the voting form alongside a glowing editorial.

"Yes we've had a complaint or two," admits the bookshop. "But she is a dynamite of a person and a worthy winner."

Heseltine, left, and Linley have a list in common

Their soup plates runneth over

THE MAYFAIR china shop Thomas Goode keeps its precious wedding lists under lock and key, but the system can never be infallible. Just as news inevitably emerged of the delicate chinaware chosen by David and Serena Linley so, now, there is talk of another society wedding list at the store. Alexandra Heseltine, 27-year-old daughter of the President of the Board of Trade, and her fiancé Nicholas Williams, 38, have placed their list at the shop, which received its royal warrant in 1863. Last week Wedgwood soup plates at £25 a throw, vegetable dishes at £115 each and an ashtray costing upwards of £100 were still available on her list which, guests say, is bound tastefully in green and runs to several pages. For their custom, the happy couple can expect a free copy of Goode's lavish hardback Christmas catalogue which costs £25. A small price compared with the most expensive item in the book — a pair of Minton elephants valued at £2.5m.

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DOUGLAS AND AMANDA

The young should look behind the Chancellor's warm words

The most prominent political story today is one of compromise, concealment and the careful passage of laws. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has let it be known that he wants the social reforms of his first Budget to be seen as individual pieces of improvisation, not as milestones on a long march. Mr Clarke's more radical colleagues, mindful of the Chancellor's great and growing power, seemed yesterday to concur.

When ministers look first to the welfare of their own governments, it is not surprising that the short-term looms very large in their minds. This is still a weak administration with a small majority. To those whose job is to think as a politician it is obvious that the passage of the Finance Bill matters more than public discussions about future decades. For young people in Britain, however, the perspective should be different. They would be wise to assume that individual Budget decisions, such as the transfer of sick-pay responsibilities from state to employer, signal a transforming shift for their lives.

As part of *The Times*'s Budget analysis last week, our writer Mary Ann Sieghart invented two archetypical characters: Douglas Hope, born of working class parents in 1945, who moved, with great effort but few choices, through free grammar school and a grant-aided university place to a secure job wearing a white collar; and his daughter Amanda, born in 1975, who faces a future of both greater opportunity and greater risk. Not for her will there be the cosy, comforting embrace of the cradle-to-grave welfare state: her nanny, of whatever political party, will try to wean her. A society for dependents is turning into a society for independents; one for the reliant into one for the self-reliant. Labour leaders might delay the inevitable, but they will not stop it.

All over Europe, governments are examining the limits of the welfare state, from the left as well as the right, and in those countries hitherto most wedded to welfare states, such as Sweden, the Netherlands and Germany. Unemployment benefit is being shortened and made contingent upon claimants looking for work. Sick pay is being passed back to employers and invalidity benefits are being tightened. Almost all developed countries are suffering the same demographic pressures: fewer people of working age to support the elderly, a higher divorce rate and a larger pool of long-term unemployed. Meanwhile, health services are overwhelmed by advances in science and demands for geriatric care.

In Britain, while ministers plot and argue about private pensions and universal child benefit, clear changes are already taking place: student grants are giving way to loans; prescription charges rise sharply. Today's 18-year-olds need to consider that personal decisions, whether to study French or physics, whether to smoke or otherwise knowingly risk their health, will have increasingly specific personal impacts on their lives. They are exhorted to obtain better qualifications; much of their twenties will be spent in paying off student debts. Once that is done, they may feel it wise to save as much they can as a buffer against the uncertainties of life and the certainty of old age.

The job of ministers is not just to get their legislation through Parliament but to spell out these changes, many of which are driven as much by technology and knowledge of genetic science as by finance and ideology. It is important for the future of Britain that Britons do not react to the new opportunities by becoming instinctively even more averse to risk. Helping those without foresight to survive depends on encouraging those with foresight to prosper. Unlike her father Douglas, Amanda cannot rely on a simple change of party in power to reinstate old comforts. Her time horizons will have to span decades. Her political leaders must make sure she sees that clearly, and early.

GARAGE IN SPACE

The secrets of Creation are in seven pairs of mittened hands

Their first repair job done, two workmen are struggling to reseal the doors of an appliance. They pull and jiggle them to no effect until — in the makeshift way of workmen the world over — they finally produce something akin to a luggage strap and heave them to. Such cobbling is mundane stuff. But there are few less mundane jobs than the repair of the Hubble space telescope. These space mechanics, manoeuvring with cumbersome gloves in -90C, in a craft moving at 17,500 mph 380 miles up in space, are restoring the eyes and ears that could yet peer to the beginning of time.

Endeavour's crew buoyantly describe such unexpected hitches as "dynamic situations". Below in Houston, the men running America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration must be fervently hoping that Saturday's flawless completion of the orbital chase and capture of the myopic telescope will not be followed by many more of them. The team has found one of the telescope's faulty solar panels to be warped, hugely complicating the task of replacement which starts today; and Endeavour has no fuel margin to allow the mission to go more than fractionally into overtime.

Should this complex repair mission fail, Nasa's hopes of building a space station or even of surviving death by a thousand Congressional cuts could well retreat into outer space. So narrow is the margin between triumph and disaster in space science, pitching as it does man's computer-aided intelligence against the unknown in supremely hostile physical environments, that the criticism of the minute design faults which have crippled the Hubble is unfairly exaggerated. But such is the cost of error that exaggeration is inevitable. The 2.34-micron flaw in the Hubble's primary mirror, the instability of its solar wings due to the 200C temperature shifts between solar heat and the icy nights of space, and other faults have almost eclipsed the majestic grandeur of the enterprise. In the public eye, the Hubble has become further evidence that Nasa has lost its route-map to the "last frontier".

In a more confident climate, the capacity of science to devise a cure for Hubble's myopia would be cause for celebration. By the end of this week, Nasa hopes, the telescope will be stabilised, better equipped and fitted with "spectacles", in the form of eight tiny motorised mirrors, which will retore 95 per cent of its vision. Stars that are 12 billion light years away, which the Hubble now sees only as blurred lights, will then become distinct. The Hubble will finally begin its planned exploration of the edges of infinity, seeing the edges of the Universe and the rays of light that originated with the Big Bang of Creation.

There has been opposition to this rescue effort among scientists, who argue that computer techniques have already been developed to offset much of the blurring of the images the Hubble beams back, and who fear that manual tampering will introduce fresh defects as it corrects old ones. Nasa's decision to risk all for perfection is justified by the grandeur of its original dream. With the Hubble, Nasa aimed as high in the realm of pure knowledge as the human spirit is capable. In the gloved hands of six men and a woman this week may lie the secret of the world's beginning and, perhaps, clues as to how it might end. They may not succeed: but if they do, their contribution to the advance of science will rank with the greatest of all time.

STILL THE SWIFTNESS

Is the Channel rail link doomed to eternal farce?

Through the jokes of President Mitterrand we had already come to accept that the sleek, new aerodynamic generation of Eurostar trains will be not be fast on the British side of the Channel Tunnel; that passengers who travel at 180 miles an hour from the Gare du Nord to Folkestone will not move so fast on Network SouthEast. We knew that the line from the coast to Waterloo was crowded, old and slow, that bridges needed strengthening, track aligning, and more.

It was one thing, however, to accept that trains designed to glide effortlessly through the French countryside would, on emerging into England, begin a slow steam-age chug for the remaining 68 miles. It was quite another to be told in *The Sunday Times* yesterday that they may not be able to make it on their own at all: that, unable to cope with the frequent breaks in the electrified third rail, their computer-driven engines will cut out every time the current is momentarily cut; that the resulting jerks and juddering have made the drivers testing the £24 million vehicles nauseous.

Britain is already suffering a peculiar humiliation here. There have been seemingly endless delays in building a high-speed dedicated track. The route has not even been chosen. The Government has not yet found its private partner to build and operate the line. On present estimates it will be a full eight years before the high-speed link is operating. Cynics could be forgiven for reckoning on a decade. A spokesman at British Rail has tartly dismissed fears that the transport of the future will have to be towed to London by ageing diesels. Gangs of workmen are being sent to patch up the gaps between the electrified rails with special devices to make them arc-proof. The on-board computers can also, it is said, be modified. BR insists that the aim of the Eurostar's test-runs, the present nocturnal ramblings through Kent, is to find and solve these problems.

Had no one on the design team foreseen this latest difficulty? Was it sensible, in the first place, to try to match an overhead transmission system with an antiquated direct-current third rail, laid down by the Southern Railway in the steam age? Shortage of money is the convenient excuse. Muddle-headedness and political vacillation is the real reason for the failure.

Perhaps we are simply doomed to travel more slowly over here. When Dante Gabriel Rossetti wrote his Victorian verse description of a train journey from London to Paris, he chose the French section to describe the "strong extreme speed" ("and still the swiftness lasts"); on the English leg of the trip he described in detail how a cow "lifts her slow neck". If there is no way now to save international face, why not simply appeal to directly to nostalgia, hauling the Eurostars to London with the fine old steam engines rescued from the scrapyards?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tax on violent films might reduce copycat behaviour

From Sir Philip Goodhart

Sir, Lord Merlyn-Rees, president of the Video Standards Council, says that "If there is to be any enquiry into the possible effects of screen violence, the video industry and the Video Standards Council will welcome the opportunity to participate" (letter, December 2).

There is surely no need for yet another enquiry into the impact of screen violence. What we do need is an effective method of reducing the amount of violent pornography that is generally available.

It is, of course, extraordinarily difficult to tighten up the obscenity laws and to define the types of cruelty and sadism that should be banned outright. It would be much easier to check pornography by taxing it.

The spread of video "nasties" would clearly be checked if every video shop or club that rented or sold videos with an 18 classification had to buy a licence for £50,000 a year. There should be a £20 tax on the sale of every 18-classified video and a £5 tax on every hiring.

There should also, of course, be a similar tax on violent and pornographic films shown in cinemas. Every ticket sold for an 18-certificate film should include a special levy of £5.

Of course there would be anomalies; but the producers of videos and films would therefore be given a substantial financial incentive to make sure that they avoided the penalties.

At the same time, there should be a new effort made to check the degree of violence and sadism shown on television. The establishment of the Broadcasting Standards Council was a sensible idea but its monthly complaints bulletin hardly causes the broadcasters much apprehension.

The council should now be given the authority to impose immediate fines of up to £100,000 if a television programme is excessively violent or sadistic; substantial penalties are needed to make sure that producers are not tempted to test the limits of the council's codes of practice.

The money raised by the pornography tax might be quite substantial. If the Treasury could be persuaded not to include these charges in the general revenue they could be used to increase the Government's subsidy to libraries and the performing arts.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP GOODHART,
Carlton Club,
69 St James's Street, SW1.
December 3.

From Professor A. C. P. Sims and Professor Emeritus Peter Gray

Sir, We and others have ample evidence to show that children of all ages are seeing the full range of video material available, including titles with a 15 or 18 classification, despite the well-intentioned precautions taken by the Video Standards Council.

On October 27 we were invited to address a House of Lords broadcasting group on "The media, violence and vulnerable viewers". We argued not only that "vividly enacted brutality" (your leading article, November 26) increased the likelihood of media-inspired violence, but also the fact that much modern violent material portrayed on video, film and television propels the viewer into identifying with the perpetrator and not with the victim.

The viewer is encouraged to see the story and the acts of violence through the eyes of the person who inflicts harm, to despise the victim as weak and inferior, and to banish any feelings of guilt or remorse. Vulnerable people — children and those who are susceptible to suggestion through mental illness or frailty — need to be protected from this pernicious propaganda.

The general public has no doubt that media violence provokes violence in reality. Neither have television advertisers any doubt that the media mould behaviour.

As well as much case history material there are now more than 1,000 papers linking heavy exposure to media violence with subsequent aggressive behaviour (*Current Problems in Paediatrics*, January 1991).

We recommend that there should be a public and responsible evaluation of the facts:
The vulnerable should be protected, even at the expense of censoring viewing.
The evidence associating the media and violence should be re-examined, including assessing the effects on vulnerable individuals.
More attention should be paid to healthy habits of viewing.
When violence is portrayed there should be more concern to avoid condoning it.

Visual material is the most powerful of teaching aids. We must not use it to teach violence to children. Anything on general release may be seen by children of any age.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW SIMS,
PETER GRAY,
c/o St James's University Hospital,
Leeds LS9 7TF.
December 3.

From the Editor of the Ham & High

Sir, The president and vice-president of the Video Standards Council try desperately hard to distance themselves from even the slightest suggestion that the constant drip, drip process of horrendous videos might influence young people to commit callous crimes.

They claim too, as the Home Secretary has done, that legislation exists to prevent the distribution of allegedly harmful videos to the young. Those who use their eyes know otherwise. Perhaps either the council or the Home Office can tell us how many successful prosecutions they have had since the introduction of the Video Recording Act 1984.

The probability that there have been few does not excuse the fact that almost a decade ago two Scotland Yard detectives went to Strasbourg to show British MEPs clips of violent videos available to all. I was unhappily present and though I spent half the time looking at the wall rather than at the screen, some of the awful images I saw still haunt me from time to time.

Yours sincerely,
GERALD ISAAMAN,
Editor, *Ham & High*,
100a Avenue Road,
Hampstead, NW3.

Ministers sending us all to sleep?

From Lord Cudlipp

Sir, The dreariest collection of Cabinet ministers endured in this century has buried the art of public speaking. The Prime Minister has yet to rival the rhetorical stimulus of a scoutmaster exhorting his troop at a campfire rally to be clean in thought, word and deed.

As 1993 oratorically yawns itself to sleep there is one gesture the audience would welcome from the politicians, trade union demagogues, assorted VIPs, speechwriters, spokesmen and spokeswomen who daily anaesthetise us with their clichés on every media channel. I suggest a New Year's resolution from them all to banish the recycled bromides.

Primarily, the way forward is to veto the phrase *the way forward*, used with ersatz passion by those often advocating backward or sideways. Not long ago I heard it four times in one relay of *Today* on Radio 4 in political, technological, educational and religious contexts.

The word *flawed*, whether seriously flawed or fatally flawed or simply flawed, should be the next for the chop. *At the end of the day* is surely overdue for a golden handshake: it began two decades ago as Whitehall mandarinese, together with *at close of play* and *at this moment of time*, still perpetrated by *yesterday's men*.

Having said that, I have not forgotten *the bottom line, the jury is still out, taking it on board, a whole new ball game, counter productive, living in a time warp, moving the goal posts, a level playing field, earning Brownie points, a role model*, or *they would wouldn't they?*

Maybe the parlous state of the current official vocabulary could be *addressed* in the New Year? Or, as the newspaper headline writers now have it, will my plea be *snubbed*?

Yours faithfully,
HUGH CUDLIPP,
14 Tollhouse Close,
Avenue de Chartres,
Chichester, West Sussex.
December 3.

Political correctness

From Mr Noël Oswald

Sir, One should not be unduly pedantic with regard to etymology, either apparent or real (letters, November 24, 25, 27, 30; December 1). A certain theological correctness would require us to dispense with the names of the days of the week (which is indeed what the early Quakers did).

Yours sincerely,
NOËL OSWALD,
12 Richardson Street,
Wallsend, Tyne and Wear.

From Dr J. A. D. Ewart

Sir, *Man, he, him* and *his* have always had unisex senses. To see this as male domination now, when women become prime ministers, is as paranoid as saying chess is racist because white moves first.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. D. EWART,
Delgany, Solesbridge Lane,
Chorleywood,
Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

From Mr B. J. Ahern

Sir, Ms Waddingham writes (letter, November 30) that she looks forward to the time when words such as "cripple" and "spastic" are widely rejected. Can it be "correct" to take offence at these simple descriptive words?

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN AHERN,
Church Farm, Thurlbear,
Taunton, Somerset.

From Mr Donald Bancroft

Sir, According to *The Times* Diary (November 30) Janet Anderson, along with Betty Boothroyd and Margaret Beckett, completes "a female triumverate". We will ignore the misspelling, but a female committee of three men is a concept hard to grasp, even by readers who are sick of the political correctness lobby.

Yours etc,
DONALD BANCROFT,
23 Mill Road, North Lancing, Sussex.

From Mrs Susan E. Holtom

Sir, Mr Peter Browne's letter (November 24) describing politically correct labelling on Chelsea's public conveniences reminded me of some to be found in a restaurant in Provincetown, Massachusetts. There, in a town populated by those of all sexual persuasions, the desperate tourist is faced with making the choice between "Either" and "Or".

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN E. HOLTOM,
Goblin Glade, Littleworth Road,
Seale, Farnham, Surrey.

Life preservers

From Mr Michael J. Peachey

Sir, Chocolate vending machines seem to proliferate at railway stations. I assume that they have been installed for survival rather than refreshment.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL J. PEACHEY,
7 Hartland Road, Epping, Essex.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Budget points

From Mr John Goodwin

Sir, With a friend like William Rees-Mogg ("More port, Chancellor?, December 2), Kenneth Clarke will never lack enemies.

Here is a man who has just delivered a Budget certain to bring severe hardship, even misery, to millions. Yet Lord Rees-Mogg singles out this moment to praise Mr Clarke for bringing the fun back into politics.

If Lord Rees-Mogg is to be believed, Mr Clarke finds many aspects of his job hilarious. Indeed, we are given a considerable list of all the things that amuse him, one of the choicest being that "he finds it funny to infuriate the doctors, the teachers or the police".

A few people may share Lord Rees-Mogg's sense of humour. I do not: but by the time the Chancellor becomes prime minister our despair may be such that only laughter is left to ease the pain.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN GOODWIN,
52a Digby Mansions,
Lower Mall,
Hammersmith, W6.
December 3.

From Mr Richard J. DeHavillande

Sir, In your Budget section (December 1) you quote Mr Clarke as stating that it would be hypocrisy for anyone to oppose his fuel taxes and claim to care for the environment.

If the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions is really such a priority of the Government why did it opt out from the EC directive to make boilers more efficient, despite almost 60 per cent of British-made boilers failing to meet the proposed standard (report, January 20, 1992)?

VAT on fuels will not encourage large commercial users to reduce consumption when VAT can be reclaimed, whereas the imposition of excise duty instead of VAT would affect commercial and domestic users equally as is the case with petrol and diesel fuels.

Are these taxes really designed to benefit our environment, or is the environment an excellent excuse to increase taxation?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD J. DeHAVILLANDE,
31 Worminghall Road,
Oakley, Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire.
December 2.

Ferranti collapse

From Mr John Katz

Sir, You publish a letter (December 3) from two Ferranti employees blaming on me, by inference, the collapse of the GEC offer and the loss of 3,000 jobs at Ferranti, and suggesting that I cost shareholders £12 million. I would like to put the record straight.

First, shareholders stood to gain exactly nothing from the GEC offer. It was withdrawn before it could be voted on because GEC claimed it failed due diligence tests. GEC did not state that the offer was being withdrawn because of shareholder opposition.

Secondly, it was the GEC offer which was not a practical proposition. While I knew this to be the case I never advised anyone which way to vote and to the last day was keeping an open mind and asking for more information. Finally, there is no doubt the Ferranti workforce have had a very raw deal. If any Ferranti staff member would like to be informed on shareholders' concern for their position over the last six weeks they can write to me for copies of letters.

If they want to meet with me I will go wherever to explain what shareholders think could have been done and can still be done to advantage.

While I owe Ferranti employees no apologies I have every concern for their plight and if I can do anything to help in any way I will. However, there is an apology due to me by Mr Miller and Mrs Sokol for an unfair letter.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN KATZ
(Chairman, Ferranti Shareholders' Association),
PO Box 717, London SW14 7SO.
December 3.

Macedonia rift

From Dr Martin Holmes

Sir, The report (November 29) concerning the rift between Germany and Greece over recognition of Macedonia highlights the perils and folly of searching for a common European Union foreign policy to which the ratified Maastricht treaty now commits Her Majesty's Government.

Having visited Macedonia this year — and discussed the issue of recognition with the Prime Minister, Branko Crvenkovski, amongst others — I can attest that respect for Britain has been greatly eroded by our failure to recognise Macedonia because of EU commitments to unanimity. Consequently British foreign policy is dependent upon Athens, and the Greek government has disgracefully waged an economic war, and a war of words, against Macedonia.

The political convenience of a co-ordinated and agreed EU response has had greater priority than the rights and wrongs of the issue.

It is now time for the British government to recognise Macedonia unilaterally and to abandon the damaging diplomacy of the lowest common denominator which is the nature of the EU's attempts to procure a common foreign policy.

I remain, Sir, yours sincerely,
MARTIN HOLMES
(Co-Chairman, The Bruges Group),
44 Park Town, Oxford.
December 1.

Television misfire

From the Captain of the Sea Cadet Corps

Sir, On November 28 London Weekend Television screened an episode of its series *London's Burning* which showed a Thames-side unit of a fictional naval-uniformed youth organisation causing a fire in dramatic fashion.

The youngsters and their adult staff were portrayed as a shambles of undisciplined chaos, not merely useless, but actively dangerous to themselves and others.

There is only one youth organisation similarly uniformed and with units close to the Thames, the Sea Cadet Corps, which has consequently become the victim of this damaging misrepresentation.

Is it not ironical and disappointing that, while the press is full of concern about the supposedly sad state of the nation's youth, another section of the media is prepared to discredit, carelessly if not deliberately, one of the voluntary charitable youth organisations working with selfless dedication to help young people towards responsible adulthood?

For the benefit of society as a whole we need help not hindrance.

Yours faithfully,
PETER GRINDAL,
Captain,
The Sea Cadet Corps,
202 Lambeth Road, SE1.
December 3.

Examiner's accident

From Mr Roger H. T. Smith

Sir, As counsel for the plaintiff in the case of Paterson *v* Department of Transport, the subject of your brief report (November 19), I was interested to read two letters (November 29) about the case. Your correspondents' indignation was misplaced, although understandable because your report gave the impression that Mr James Paterson was an ordinary learner motorcyclist who happened to fall off his bike during a driving test.

Mr Paterson was employed by the Department of Transport as a driving test examiner, conducting tests on cars and light commercial vehicles. In 1986 he was required by the department to undertake a motorcycle course because it was policy at that time to require this of all test examiners, so that they would (it was hoped) become proficient in riding motorcycles and able to conduct motorcycle tests.

Trainees were required, when considered by those running the course to be ready to do so, to undertake tests equivalent to the parts I and II motorcycle driving tests then in use. Mr Paterson showed limited aptitude but did, on the 11th day of the course, pass the part I test.

On the 14th day of the course he was put in for the part II test, which involved an emergency stop. It rained during the test and he was required to carry out the stop on a wet road. He skidded and lost control of the motorcycle, which fell over. As a result he suffered serious injuries.

The trial judge found that the accident had occurred because Mr Paterson had not, prior to the part II test, been given adequate training in carrying out emergency stops on wet surfaces. The judge also held that the department's failure to ensure that Mr Paterson was adequately trained in emergency braking on wet surfaces was negligent.

The substantial damages awarded reflected both the seriousness of his injuries and the substantial loss of past and future earnings which he suffered as a result of those injuries.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER H. T. SMITH,
1 Harcourt Buildings, Temple, EC4.
November 30.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 4: The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, today attended the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrations of The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) in Reading and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson). Captain Edward Bearcroft was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 5: The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel, Grenadier Guards, this afternoon attended the Laying Up of the Colours of the 2nd Battalion at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, London SW1. Captain Giles Inglis-Jones was in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Henry VI, reigned 1422-61 and 1470-71, Windsor, 1421; Elizabeth Carter, poet, Deal, 1717; Warren Hastings, 1st Governor-General of India, Churchill, Oxfordshire, 1732; Joseph Gay-Lussac, chemist, St Leonard, France, 1778; Richard H. Barham, author of *The Ingoldsby Legends*, Canterbury, 1788; Sir Osbert Sitwell, writer, London, 1892; Ira Gershwin, composer, New York, 1896.

DEATHS: Jean Baptiste Chardin, painter, Paris, 1779; Joseph Black, chemist, Edinburgh, 1799; Anthony Trollope, novelist, London, 1882; Jean Blanc, socialist and historian, Cannes, 1882; Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States in the American Civil War 1861-65, New Orleans, 1889; Ernst Werner von Siemens, engineer, Berlin, 1892.

Today is the feast day of St Nicholas, patron saint of youth, popularly known as Santa Claus.

Christopher Columbus discovered Hispaniola, now Haiti and the Dominican Republic, 1492.

The Irish Free State was proclaimed, 1922.

Mr Leonard Parkin

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, December 8, at noon at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, to give thanks for the life of Leonard Parkin, journalist and former newscaster.

Lincoln's Inn

Miss Yasmin Malik was Called to the Bar in her absence by Lincoln's Inn and this is deemed to take effect from November 25, 1993.

Birthdays today

Lord Ashley of Stoke, CH, 71; Mr David Barons, racehorse trainer, 57; the Right Rev Patrick Barry, Abbot of Ampleforth, 76; Mr Dave Brubeck, musician, 73; Vice-Admiral Sir John Cadell, 64; Lord Clinton-Davis, 65; Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss, 69; Miss Wendy Ellis, ballerina, 42; Lord Emslie, 74; Earl Granville, 75; Mr Derek Hill, artist, 77; Mr Jonathan King, broadcaster, 49; Sir Richard Lloyd, deputy chairman, Hill Samuel Bank, 65; Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, Attorney General, 55; Mr James Martin, general secretary, Educational Institute of Scotland, 40; Sir George Pinker, former Surgeon-Gynaecologist to The Queen, 69; Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM, 73; Sir Bryan Thwaites, co-founder, Education 2000, 70; Mr Charles Vance, director and theatrical producer, 64; Mr Peter Willey, cricketer, 44; Mr Tony Woodcock, footballer, 37.

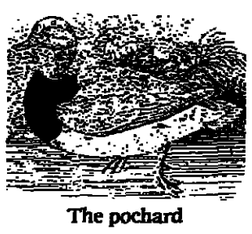
School news

St Edmund's School, Canterbury
The governors of St Edmund's School are pleased to announce that Mr Nicholas Ridley, housemaster of Carrington House at Fettes College, has been appointed as headmaster with effect from September 1994 in succession to Mr John Tyson, who is retiring.

Dinner

Association of Old Brightonians
Mr Peter R. Perfect was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Association of Old Brightonians held on Saturday at Brighton College. Mr S.J. Cockburn, president, was in the chair. Mr J.D. Leach, Headmaster of Brighton College, also spoke.

Nature notes



The pochard

ON SUNNY mornings, great tits are singing: in their winter plumage, the males have very glossy, blue-black crowns and bibs. Song thrushes have also started to sing again, but will fall silent if the hard weather comes back. More pochards are arriving from the Continent: the drakes have chestnut heads and grey backs, and the females are like dingy, faded versions of the drakes. They are energetic divers, staying underwater for 15 seconds and coming up for only five seconds between dives, when they are feeding on underwater plants. Little egrets that flew in from France in the autumn are still scattered along the south coast: they are small, graceful herons with pure white feathers, but in winter they lose the long plumes on their heads.

Tough little plants of Oxford ragwort are still in bloom on roadsides. Ivy berries are turning black: they grow on stiff stalks in knobbly bunches. Yellow fruit lies in carpets under some crab-apple trees, and attracts hungry blackbirds. Common or smooth newts have left the ponds, and can sometimes be found hibernating under stones. Old eels are making their way back to the sea in the strong-flowing rivers.

DJM



PETER SMITH

Two relaxed bronzes of Franklin D Roosevelt, left, American president during the second world war, and Winston Churchill are moved for completion at the Bronze Age foundry in Limehouse, east London. Their final resting place will be the D-Day museum at Southsea, Hampshire, where they will take their seats in time for the fiftieth anniversary of the Allied landings in France next June

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
Principal Nursing Officer C M Taylor ARRC QARNNS to be Director of Naval Nursing Services and Matron-in-Chief QARNNS in succession to Commandant Nursing Officer J Titley RRC QHNO on February 14, 1994.

The Army
BRIGADIER: R J Heywood - To HQ Londist, 6.12.93; M S Jameson - To be Comd 51 Highland Bde, 10.12.93.

COLONEL: B J Dickson - To be Comdt CAD Kineton, 7.12.93; J C Longfield - To HQ DRA, 6.12.93; M A Corbet Burcher - To MoD, 6.12.93; G N Donaldson - To HQ Wales & W Dist, 12.12.93.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: C P Conlon R Signals - To RSA Larkhill, 6.12.93; G A Fryatt RA - To HQ Episkopi Gar, 6.12.93; V G Iwanek RE - To be Comd Rheindahlen Sup Unit (A), 6.12.93; D G Ross A and SH - To HQ Scotland, 6.12.93; J D K Russell PWRR - To be CO 1 PWRR, 6.12.93; C G Stallard R Anglian - To be DA/MA Vienna, 6.12.93; C A Cocker R Anglian - To be CO Sec UKSC(Fwd), 6.12.93.

Retirement
COLONEL: G M Gadd Late RAPC, 8.12.93.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: B A Wright - To MoD 3.12.93; R A Plummer - To HQ 6ATAF 3.12.93; A R Thompson - To RAF PMC Innsworth 3.12.93; J K Newton - To NAMMA Munich 4.12.93.

WING COMMANDER: GW Davies - To MoD 2.12.93; B J Forward - TO RAF(H) Wegberg 6.12.93.

Royal College of Physicians of London

Among new members admitted at a ceremony at the Royal College of Physicians of London last week were Dr John Barrett, Dr Leslie Davidson, Dr Robin Fox, Dr Richard Smith and Mr David Thomas under a special bylaw.

Scientists say over-fishing harms North Sea more than pollution

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

OVER-FISHING is causing more damage to the North Sea than pollution, pushing some species such as cod to the verge of extinction and making parts of the sea's bed lifeless, scientists claim.

In the first report ever on the health of the North Sea, an international team of scientists are urging nations to set aside 10 per cent of the sea as fishing-free zones. The areas would include the Dogger Bank off Britain's east coast which acts as a nursery for fish.

Action may also be needed over the two million tonnes of sand eels a year being fished by Denmark. The eels are turned into chicken feed, margarine and fuel for a power station but scientists have linked the decline of the sea trout to falls in the sand eel populations.

The recommendation for fishing-free zones is contained in a confidential report which will be given to North Sea ministers meeting in Copenhagen tomorrow. It has been written by the North Sea Task Force, a committee of scientists from nations including Britain who have been assessing the quality of the North Sea since 1985.

Trawlers are decimating stocks of edible fish and damaging other species such as porpoises, dolphins and sea birds.

The task force also wants a complete ban on toxic anti-fouling agents — chemicals which keep ships' hulls free from barnacles and limpets.

The chemicals, the most common of which is tributyl tin (TBT), have been linked to sexual deformities in up to 45 species of marine animals, including dog whelks, and the collapse of populations along coasts.

Since 1987 small boats and pleasure craft have been banned from using the chemicals. The scientists want the ban to include bigger ships.

The overall level of chemicals pouring into the North Sea from industry and farms appears to be falling following an agreement three years ago to cut the use of many pesticides, chemicals and fertilisers by between 50 and 70 per cent by 1995. However, the scientists give a warning that reduction targets on some chemicals will not be met.

Ronny Ferm, chairman of the task force and a director of the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency in Stockholm, Sweden, said yesterday: "There is cause for concern, in some cases serious cause for concern. More action is needed for the North Sea as a whole but also for specific areas which are more polluted."

The task force has found evidence that some heavy metals, toxic to a wide range of marine animals, and some hazardous organic materials from industry, are building up despite cuts in their use. The areas at risk include the Skagerrak bank north of Denmark, the Norwegian trench and the Dogger Bank.

Nitrate discharges from farm land are also a significant area of concern. Nitrates act as a food source for algae — tiny organisms that live in the sea, whose toxic blooms can poison and suffocate marine life. North Sea nations have agreed to cut discharges by 50 per cent by 1995. But Dr John Portmann, vice chairman of the task force and head of the fisheries laboratory at Burnham-on-Crouch, said: "Without doubt the target will not be met".

Britain, which will be represented at the conference by Tim Yeo, the environment minister, will argue that nitrates are a problem for other countries particularly Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands. But Dr Portmann said: "There are undoubtedly elevated concentrations on the continental side but the UK does not come off scot free".

Royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as President of The Prince's Trust, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, Business in the Community, Scottish Business in the Community and The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust, will host a reception at St James's Palace at 6.30; and, as Honorary President of the Royal Academy Trust, will attend a dinner at the Royal Academy at 8.30 to mark Sir Roger de Grey's term of presidency.

The Princess of Wales will name the first Airbus A340 aircraft for Virgin Atlantic Airways at Heathrow Airport at 10.25.

Princess Alexandra, as patron, will attend a Celebration of Christmas concert at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at 6.55 in aid of the New Bridge.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J.A. Cassell and Miss C.E. Whyte
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs D.J.A. Cassell, of Horsell, Surrey, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs I.S. Whyte, of Strathpeffer, Ross-shire.

Mr A.D.C. Frost and Miss L.A. Jansen
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Derrick Frost, of Farnham, Surrey, and Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eduard Jansen, of Enschede, The Netherlands.

Mr A.J. Shirley-Priest and Miss S.A. Kingston
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr J.A. Shirley-Priest and of Mrs D.A.C. Lipscomb, of Astwood Bank, Worcestershire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Kingston, of Astwood Bank, Worcestershire.

University news

London
Queen Mary and Westfield College
The following have been elected as Fellows:
Professor John Chalker, Emeritus Professor of English and former Vice-Principal; Professor Alan Bevan, Emeritus Professor of Genetics; Dr Margaret Mein, Emeritus Reader in French; Alan Lee Williams, Director of the Atlantic Council; Ms Wendy Taylor, sculptor; Mrs June Bridgeman, Deputy Chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission; Dr Norbert Singer, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Greenwich; Dr M J Duffell, Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Hispanic Studies.

Gray's Inn

Charles Sparrow, QC, to be Treasurer of Gray's Inn for 1994 in succession to Sir John Vinelott. Sir Iain Glidewell to be Vice-Treasurer for the same period.

Marriages

Sir Arnold Burgen and Dr O. Kennard
The marriage took place yesterday in Cambridge of Sir Arnold Burgen and Dr Olga Kennard.

Mr F.T. Grant and Miss V.E. Russell
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St James the Great, West Hanney, Oxfordshire, of Mr Francis Grant, second son of the late Sir Francis Grant, of Monymusk, Aberdeenshire, and of Lady Tweedsmuir and stepson of Lord Tweedsmuir, to Miss Virgina Russell, daughter of Mr and Mr R. Scott Russell, of East Hanney. The Ven Michael Henley officiated, assisted by the Bishop of Leeds and the Rev Anthony Hogg.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Katharine Bennett, Robert Grant and Rory Riddell. Mr Malcolm Hay was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.M. Campbell and Miss S.C. Mackechnie
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, of Mr Marcus Campbell, son of Mr Quentin Campbell, of Oxford, and of Mrs Penelope Purdon, of Ramsden, Oxfordshire, to Miss Sarah Mackechnie, daughter of Sir Alistair and Lady Mackechnie, of Twickenham, Middlesex. Father Anthony Meredith, SJ, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Pollyanna Lambert, Lily Konsta, Oliver Hext and Hamish Lambert. Mr John Gordon was best man.

A reception was held at the Reform Club and the honeymoon will be spent in the Caribbean.

Captain D.J. Willis and Miss K. Robertson
The marriage took place on Saturday in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, of Mr David James Willis, son of Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Willis, of Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, to Miss Kim Robertson, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Robertson, of Edinburgh. The Provost of St Mary's Cathedral officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Neil Blake, Miss Susan Robertson, Miss Samantha Robertson and Miss Lynne Jamieson. Major Bruce Stewart was best man.

A reception was held at Norton House, Ingleston, and the honeymoon will be spent in the Far East.

Mr P.G. Donald and Mrs C.P. Gorman
The marriage took place quietly on Thursday, November 25, 1993, at Chelsea Register Office between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.L. Donald, of Coolham, West Sussex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.G. Davis, of Evercreech, Somerset.

To Sir Arthur Marshall

A luncheon was held in the Dining Hall of Jesus College, Cambridge on Saturday, December 4 to mark the 90th Birthday of Sir Arthur Marshall. Fifty members of his family and many friends, including members of the University, the Royal Air Force and the Aerospace and Automotive Industries, were present.

The Cadets of 104 (City of Cambridge) Squadron of the Air Training Corps, of which Sir Arthur was a co-founder and is Honorary Life President, assisted. Members of the College Choir sang a rendering of "Happy Birthday".

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BIRTHS

CASSELLS - On December 2nd 1993, at Perth Royal Infirmary, to Pippa (Née Moore) and John, a son Cameron.

EVERINGTON - Peter and Pfiar are very happy to announce the birth of Alexander Devas, a brother for Nicholas and Isabella, on Friday 3rd December, 1993. Many Thanks to all the staff at Matilda Hospital.

FUGARD - on December 3rd, in Dubai to Gwenyth (née Phillips) and Robert, a son, Thomas Valentine Teape.

DEATHS

ALSTON - Suddenly and very peacefully at Brent Eleigh on 1 December 1993, a week before his 58th birthday, Arthur William (Bill) Alston, devoted husband of the late Rita (Jim), much loved father of Robert and Richard and father-in-law of Pat, deeply caring grandfather of Nadine and Jeremy. Funeral at West Suffolk Crematorium Bury St. Edmunds, Friday 10 December at 1.30pm. Flowers to W.A. Deacon, High Street, Lavenham.

BULFIELD - On December 1st, peacefully in hospital, Mary, aged 96 years, widow of Gerald Francis and dearly loved mother of David and Martin. Requiem at 11 am on Friday December 10th at St. Edward's R.C. Church, Shaftesbury, Dorset. No flowers. All enquiries to Bracher Brothers, F/D Gillingham, Dorset. Tel: 0747 822494.

FANE - On December 3rd at Manton Hall Oakham, Agatha Isabel (Buss) aged 90. Beloved widow of Mountjoy and much loved mother of Daphne and Tony. Funeral at 2.30 pm on Thursday December 9th at Caroby Church after a private cremation. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

HALL - Of Wollaston, Stourbridge on November 27th 1993, aged 72 years. Reginald Thomas Hall LL Commander Royal Fleet Air Arm 1939-49 (retired); former Town Clerk Bridlington Town Council; Company Director Midlands Contract Cleaners 1975-1988. Will be missed by his many friends, associates and acquaintances for his considerable knowledge, intellect and wit. Funeral Service, 2 pm, Thursday 9th December, at Stourbridge Crematorium. Flowers to H.Porter & Sons, 60 South Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 3UJ.

HARRISON - On December 3rd 1993 peacefully at home after a short illness Peggy Alberta Mary aged 86 wife of the late Sir Harwood Harrison Bt. much loved mother of Michael and Joanna (Sanders) and fond grandmother. Funeral service at St. Andrew's Church, Hasketon on Wednesday December 8th 2.30pm. No flowers but donations if desired to Salvation Army c/o E B Britton & Sons 24 St. John's Street Woodbridge Suffolk.

HAZELDINE - Debbie Laura (née Crombie) 85, widow of F.W. (Bill) Hazeldine and much loved mother of Tony. 20th November 1993 in Paris. Private cremation has taken place.

JUKES - On December 2nd Kathleen Enid aged 92 of Wimyatts, Barnet. Cremation private, please, no flowers or letters.

LEWIS - Christian, aged 89, on Friday December 3rd peacefully at home after a long illness borne with great courage and patience. Beloved wife of Gwilym, mother of Olivia, Edmund, Gareth and Marilyn. Much loved grandmother and great grandmother. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at Kensington United Reform Church, Allen Street, Kensington W8 at 12 noon on Thursday December 9th. Flowers in J.H. Kenyon, 83 Westbourne Grove W2 4UL.

PARKER - Wilfred on December 2nd 1993 aged 76 loving husband of Joan, father of Rosemary and Elizabeth, grandfather of Stephen, Douglas, Elizabeth and Timothy. Funeral Service at Alresford Parish Church, Hampshire on Thursday December 16th at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the British Parkinsons Disease Society c/o Jno Steel & Son, Cheall House, Winchester.

DEATHS

SILCOCK - On 29th November, peacefully at Queen Mary's Hospital Sidcup, after long suffering, very courageously borne, Sheila Frances, aged 58 years, daughter of Alice, beloved wife of Peter, and mother of George and Mary. Cremation at Eltham Crematorium on Thursday 9th December at 10.30 am. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, Bexley on Saturday 11th December at 2 pm. No flowers, but donations please to Imperial Cancer Research or Greenwich and Bexley Cottage Hospice.

SYKES - On December 2nd 1993 peacefully at home after a long battle with cancer fought with courage and dignity, Lt. Col. Nigel Stanley Sykes aged 63 late of the York and Lancaster Regiment. Beloved husband of Jean and much loved father of Peter, Daphne, Roland and William and their families. Funeral Service Saturday 11th December at 9.30 am at St Mary's Church Beddgelert followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Hospice at Home, Gwynedd c/o Pritchard & Griffiths Tremadoc Gwynedd.

WILCOX - Diana Esme on November 27th, 1993 in Salisbury. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Tuesday 14th December at 12 noon. Flowers and enquiries to I.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury. Wills. 0722 413136.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CORBETT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Hugh Andrew Corbett will be held at The Priory Church of Saint Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield in the City of London at 12 noon on Monday, 6th December.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

TOMPKINS - Richard C.B.E. In loving memory of my darling husband who passed away a year ago today. So many cherished memories, forever in my heart, Liz.

TOMPKINS - Richard C.B.E. Daddy, you are forever in my thoughts and I miss you every day, but I know you are always sitting on my shoulder. - Vicky.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

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OBITUARIES

LADY MALLOWAN

Barbara Hastings Mallowan, OBE, archaeologist and Assyriologist, died at Wallingford on November 21 aged 85. She was born on July 14, 1908.



BARBARA MALLOWAN will be best remembered as a younger member of that distinguished group of English scholars who, in 1932, founded the British School of Archaeology in Iraq in memory of Gertrude Bell. Their activities, both in the field and through publications, contributed profoundly to the advance of archaeological research in the Middle East. She was elected president of the school in 1983.

In 1949 Barbara Parker (as she was then known) was appointed the first secretary-librarian and resident officer of the school. Her justly celebrated career in Baghdad lasted for 12 years, during which she served the school tirelessly in a variety of capacities, which included building the dig house at Nimrud, the school's main excavation site, where she worked as an epigraphist and photographer. Whatever the crisis, her phlegmatic courage and calmness in handling it became legendary.

Under her expert management, the headquarters in Baghdad became an academic centre of some repute which welcomed visiting scholars from Britain, Europe, America and Asia. Her excellent personal relations with Iraqis, and particularly with colleagues in the Directorate General of Antiquities, were largely responsible for the continuing co-operation between the Department of Antiquities and the school, now the British Archaeological Expedition in Iraq.

Barbara Parker was one of the first students of Western Asiatic Archaeology at the University of London Institute of Archaeology when it was founded in 1938, but which, without premises, existed only on paper. So she trekked from tutorials with Professor Sidney Smith at the British Museum to lectures and seminars at King's College and University College. In 1961 she was appointed lecturer in Mesopotamian Archaeology at the institute, where she was eminently qualified to teach the variety of postgraduate students who came to London as the only English university where a course in Mesopotamian archaeology then existed for those at postgraduate level. She also continued to visit Iraq, and was an invaluable member of the excavations at Tell Al Rimah and Tell Brak.

Outside the more recondite areas of academic life, her experience included service with the London Fire Brigade which she joined at the outbreak of war, and where she served with distinction throughout the Blitz, being on duty the night Chelsea Old Church was bombed. In the immediate postwar period, she became a temporary civil servant in the Ministry of Works, where her main job was drafting answers in correct civil service English for Harold Wilson, the 29-year-old parliamentary under-secretary, to deliver in the Commons.

Her interest in people, both students and colleagues, and their activities and problems, was one of the reasons she was such a good teacher. She did not consider Assyriology as a subject simply concerned with the remote past, unrelated to the present, but as something from which we can learn today. Her published work on cylinder seals and economic texts was well received and she never allowed her imagination to deflect her from high standards of scholarship. She was a regular attender at the yearly Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale conferences.

For over fifty years, she sat "in the Gods" at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, and became a walking encyclopedia on all things operatic. Her ear was particularly close to the ground, and not just in a musical sense. In Baghdad she often received advance information about trouble before it reached the ears of British diplomats. There can have been few who have spent a revolution sitting under a hairdryer absorbed in *The Tatler*, to the incredulity of the embassy staff. This sense of priorities was not entirely surprising, given that in her youth she had been a model at Worth's; she was never anything but impeccably dressed, her clothes always suiting the occasion.

Until her last illness, she took many memorably happy holidays in France or the Greek Islands with her friends. She was an intrepid traveller and kept in touch with younger scholars here and abroad, appreciating new ideas and absorbing new contributions to Near Eastern studies.

In 1977 she married Sir Max Mallowan, the archaeologist widower of Dame Agatha Christie. He died the following year.

SQUADRON LEADER CHARLTON HAW

Squadron Leader Charlton Haw, DFC, DFM, Order of Lenin, died from cancer on November 27 aged 73. He was born in York on May 8, 1920.

CHARLTON HAW, known as "Wag" in the RAF, fought in the Battle of Britain with 504 Squadron. A year later he was flying Hurricane fighters with 81 Squadron to defend Murmansk in northern Russia. He became the top-scoring fighter pilot in 151 Wing based at Vianga and, when a flight sergeant, received the Order of Lenin (only four of these orders were awarded to British citizens during the second world war). Upon his return home he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. Shortly afterwards he was commissioned and went on to win the Distinguished Flying Cross, surviving four tours of operations and becoming a wing leader. In so doing he had realised his boyhood ambition of becoming a successful wartime fighter pilot.

He was a council schoolboy at Tang Hall on the local estate when a flip in an Avro 504K of Cobham's Flying Circus ignited his passion for flying. While an apprentice lithographer he took evening classes at the Leeds College of Technology which enabled him to pass the RAF Selection Board and begin part-time flying as a sergeant in the RAFVR. After a mere four hours and 20 minutes of dual instruction in a Blackburn B2 he was sent solo. Shortish, stocky and conscious of his humble beginnings, Haw was determined to prove himself in the air.

He showed himself to be a natural fighter pilot when he joined 504 Auxiliary squadron. The squadron, having suffered heavy casualties in France, had to re-form and came south to join the Battle of Britain from Hendon in early September 1940. Later that month when the squadron moved to Filton young Sergeant Haw opened his score by shooting down a Me 110.

In July 1941 Stalin was pressurising Churchill to open a Second Front, which was impossible. As an act of appeasement Churchill agreed to send a British fighter wing to help defend Murmansk and also 200 Hurricanes for the Soviet Air Force. Haw, flying with 81 Squadron from Vianga in northern Russia, became the leading fighter pilot of 151 Wing during operations lasting over six weeks before winter set in. During this period 200 Hurricanes were uncrated, assembled and serviced before being handed over to the Soviet Air Force. Meanwhile, British pilots instructed their Soviet counterparts in tactics and in flying the Hurricane, the machine soon proving itself in battle. Fifteen German aircraft were shot down for the loss of one Hurricane.

This small expedition made an invaluable contribution to Anglo-Russian mutual co-operation during a critical period of the Second World War. Haw arrived home as a "Hero of the Soviet Union" and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, having achieved his boyhood ambition of becoming a fighter ace. But his war was only half-over.

He was promoted to flight commander and then given his own squadron while flying Spitfires over northern Europe. On his final tour of operations, leading long-range Mustangs deep into the heart of Europe, he was promoted to temporary Wing Commander, having already added a Distinguished Flying Cross to his decorations.

Haw stayed on in the RAF until he could no longer fly because of sight problems. He married and took over a pub in West Sussex before going to live in Farnham, Surrey, where he kept boarding kennels. Some years later, after his first wife's death, he married again and retired.

Always clever with his hands both on the piano and in the workshop he developed a profitable hobby making beautiful dolls-houses with the help of his second wife Audrey on the furnishings. However, the Russians never allowed him to forget that he was a "Hero of the Soviet Union". He and his wife a few years ago went to Moscow where he received a gold medal. She kept him going and matched his courage during the final phase of his cancer.

He leaves his widow and a son from his first marriage.



SYDNEY GRILLER

Sydney Griller, CBE, violinist, died on November 20 aged 82. He was born on January 10, 1911.



ONE of the foremost chamber-music players of his day, Griller formed his own string quartet, named after him, in 1928. The group disbanded only in 1961 after 33 years together. During that period they gave over 3,000 concerts, introducing generations of music-lovers to the pleasure provided by the quartet repertory. They toured the world with success, and were chosen to play for Queen Elizabeth (now the Queen Mother) at Buckingham Palace in 1940 and at the Potsdam postwar summit conference in 1945.

Griller studied at the Royal Academy of Music. There he was encouraged by the famous viola player Lionel Tertis to form a quartet with Jack O'Brien, Philip Burton and Colin Hampton, all students at the RAM. After their debut as a group in London in 1928, the four almost immediately struck up a personal rapport. Their first tour of Europe was in 1930 and of the United States in 1938. During the war they were on the musical establishment of the RAF, playing for the service all over the country. They also appeared regularly at the National Gallery concerts organised by Myra Hess.

From 1949 to 1961 they were the quartet-in-residence at the University of California at Berkeley. They celebrated their 25th anniversary in 1953 at the Festival Hall. Only the Amadeus, among British quartets, remained together for longer while keeping the same personnel.

They played most of the standard classics in which Griller's own silvery tone and innate sense of style as leader was crucial. He was also a proselyte for new music. Works by Bloch, Bax, Bliss and Milhaud, among others, were dedicated to the quartet. A 1944 recording with Dennis Brain of Mozart's Horn Quintet, recently reissued on CD, is a classic and shows the Griller players at their most persuasive, a representation of the British chamber-music tradition at its finest. It is also a demonstration of the wonderful euphony achieved by the four strings.

After the quartet disbanded, Griller found a new and vital role for himself. As Professor of Chamber Music from 1964 to 1986 at the RAM, he helped in the formation and development of many fledgling quartets, an inspirational influence. While he was a strict taskmaster where technique was concerned, he emphasised the importance of musicianship and of subordinating individual idiosyncracies for the good of the team. He was appointed CBE in 1951.

He leaves his wife, Honor, a son and a daughter.

SEVERO OCHOA

Severo Ochoa, Spanish-born geneticist and Nobel prize winner, died on November 1 aged 88. He was born in Luarca on September 24, 1905.

SEVERO OCHOA was one of a handful of scientists who paved the way for modern molecular biology and genetic engineering. He won the Nobel prize for medicine in 1959 with his disciple Arthur Kornberg for the laboratory synthesis of DNA, the genetic code for building blocks of life. Both scientists had been working independently on trying to pinpoint the enzymes involved in body processes.

Ochoa, a biochemist, had been trying to unravel the one which makes ribonucleic acid (RNA), a large molecule found in all human cells. It translates information on the DNA, which is held in the cell's nucleus, into various important proteins. Kornberg had been working on the enzyme which makes DNA from the chromosomes.

As often happens in science, their research became ultimately complementary. Ochoa believed he had pinpointed the RNA enzyme which was named polynucleotide phosphorylase. However, it later emerged that the enzyme did not build but rather broke down RNA. Nevertheless the finding proved a vital clue in unravelling the genetic code, helping Kornberg's work, and in synthesising DNA in the laboratory.

Ochoa, who became an American citizen in 1956 and an ardent New Yorker, was inspired to turn to research by Santiago Ramon y Cajal, the Spanish neurologist, who won the Nobel prize for medicine in 1906. He read an account of Ramon y Cajal's life while studying medicine at Madrid University from where he graduated in 1929. At university he courted Salvador Dali and Lorca among his friends.

The threat of the Spanish Civil War forced him to flee Spain in 1935 and his post as lecturer in physiology at the university's faculty of medicine for Germany but his time there was shortlived.

With the rise of Hitler he was again on the move, fleeing to Britain before finally moving to the United States where he became professor of the department of pharmacology at New York University.

While Ochoa may be remembered for the Nobel prize, some of his greatest achievements centred on deciphering and unravelling stages in the Krebs or citric acid cycle.

The cycle is a complex series of reactions, orchestrated by enzymes, which help convert sugars and fats into energy that a living organism can use.

Ochoa was a very dedicated world citizen and music lover. He was president of the International Union of Biochemistry and a member of New York's Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Science and the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

In 1971 Ochoa was named head of the laboratory of Molecular Biology at the Autonomous University in Madrid dividing his time between there and the Roche Institute of Molecular Biology.

Despite living abroad for many years, Ochoa was arguably the most well-known non-royal Spaniard in his home country, where he returned permanently in 1985, with most Spanish cities having a street named after him.

J. R. D. TATA

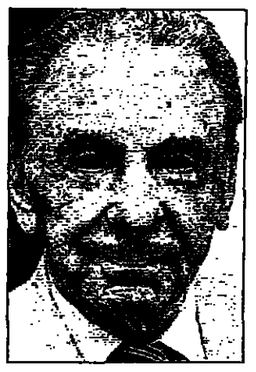
J. R. D. Tata, Indian industrialist, died in Geneva on November 29 aged 89. He was born in Paris on July 29, 1904.

FOR fifty years J. R. D. Tata guided the fortunes of the giant Indian industrial group, Tata Sons. He also made a great contribution to the development of India's air services. He had been the first Indian to qualify as a pilot, in 1929, and in the following year flew solo from London to India. In the latter part of his career he was an energetic proponent of family planning in his country.

Jehangir Ratanji Dadbhoy Tata was born of a French mother and a Parsee father, who was a close relative of J. N. Tata, founder of the Tata industrial concern and the pioneer of steel manufacturing in India. J. N. Tata's two sons greatly expanded the business and created the steel town of Jamshedpur. J. R. D. Tata joined the firm in 1922 and became a director four years later.

At only 34 he became head of India's largest industrial combine whose interests ranged from steel production to insurance and from hydro-electric power to toilet products and hotels. By the end of the Second World War Tata's steelworks was the largest in the British Commonwealth and his production methods were, technically, streets ahead of their British competitors. On a visit to England he pronounced himself astonished at the country's outdated plant and production methods.

In the meantime he had already been active as a pioneer in India's civil aviation. After learning to fly he personally piloted the Gypsy Moth which inaugurated India's first air mail service, from Karachi to Bombay. When, in 1947, his Tata Airways was incorporated into Air India, he became the new airline's chairman and remained so after Air India was nationalised.



The airline was nationalised in 1953 but he stayed on to make India's national flag-carrier one of the world's most successful airlines and was a chairman of the International Air Transport Association. However, in 1978 he was summarily removed from his post by the Prime Minister, Morarji Desai.

A decision which enraged the business community and brought Mr Desai some early unpopularity, it was largely ascribed to Tata's closeness to the Nehru family and to his resistance to Desai's desire to ban alcohol from Air India flights.

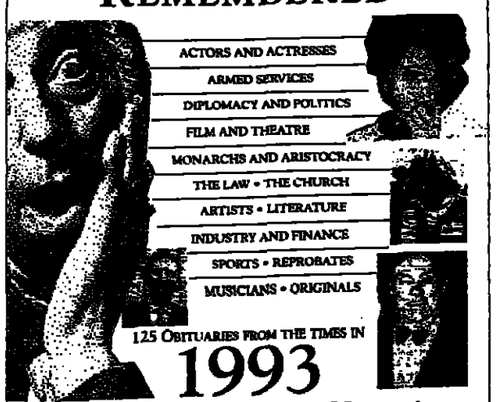
As the head of the Tata organisation "J. R. D.", as he was always known, won the respect of organised labour for his sympathetic treatment of his staff. At Jamshedpur — "Tata Town" — he built flats and organised social and leisure facilities for his 300,000 employees. He only stood down from the chairmanship of Tata in 1991.

After the Second World War he set himself to combat India's population explosion. This did not always endear him to India's governments. Nehru, for example, claimed that India's population was her single largest resource. Tata felt differently. He was well aware that the greatest population increase was among those who were likely to be the biggest burden on the nation, the ill-educated. He, therefore, established a family planning foundation and an education trust to tackle problem of India's illiteracy simultaneously. In 1991 he received the Bharat Ratna (the Jewel of India) and last year the UN Population Award.

He married, in 1930, Thelma Vicaji. His company is now controlled by his nephew.

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Latest wills

Lt Col the Rt Hon William Edward Harry Lawson, 5th **Baron Burnham**, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, son of "Fred" Lawson, (later the 4th Baron) former general manager of *The Daily Telegraph*, left estate valued at £7,490,122 net.

He left £3,000 to the Scots Guards, for distribution among their regimental charities, £2,000 to the Sail Training Association, and £1,000 each to the Masonic Housing Association and the Buckinghamshire Masonic Centenary Fund.

Mr Donald Earnest **Lockhart**, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £747,657 net.

He left £248,000 and effects to personal legatees, the balance held in trust for him by the Charities Aid Foundation equally between St Mary's Church, Northchurch, Toc H and the Othona Community, and 7/14ths of the residue for such charities as his trustees select, and 1/4th of the residue to St Mary's Church, Northchurch, for mission work.

Lady Eva Mary **Price**, of Balcombe, West Sussex, formerly of Newick, East Sussex, widow of Sir Henry Philip Price, left estate valued at £4,339,576 net.

She left £5,000 each to the Cancer Research Campaign, Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children and the RSPCA.

Major Sir John Alwyne **Pelly**, 6th Bt, of Preshaw Park, Upham, Hampshire, a former High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenant and JP for Hampshire, hereditary Lord of the Manors of East Ham, West Ham and Burnells with Plaistow, which entitled him to grazing rights over what is now West Ham football ground, left estate valued at £1,522,253 net.

Mr John Arnaud Robin Grey **Murray**, of London NW3, the sixth John Murray to head the publishing house of that name, founded in 1768, left estate valued at £181,521 net. He left £250 to Christ Church, Hampstead.

Mr Albert Godfrey **Jeffress**, of Plaza Nurva, Seville, Spain, left estate in the UK valued at £658,030 net.

By his will which deals with his estate outside Spain, he left £5,000 to Brookwood Cemetery, Woking, for the upkeep of a grave, £300 to the Staff Christmas Fund at the National Liberal Club, London, his collection of books on horses to the British National Equestrian Centre, Stoneleigh, and the residue equally between Trinity College, Dublin, and the Association of British Riding Schools, to provide scholarships for the training of riding instructors.

Lady Jacqueline Mary **Wheldon**, of Richmond, Surrey, the novelist, widow of Sir Huw Wheldon, the broadcaster and managing director of BBC Television, left estate valued at £519,583.

Mrs Alice Florence **Moore**, of Barnet, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £530,270 net.

She left £34,000 to personal legatees and the residue equally between Battersea Dogs Home and the Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund.

Mr Alan Charles **Campbell**, of Kew, Surrey, left estate valued at £445,665 net.

He left £60,000 to a personal legatee, and the residue to the British Epilepsy Association.

Mr Arthur Ernest **Garnett**, of Apperley Bridge, Bradford, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,037,549 net.

He left a number of personal bequests and his collection of elephants and the residue of his estate to the National Trust.

Mr Robert **Tiffany**, of Brentford, west London, Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Patient Services at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London, left estate valued at £184,720.

Brigadier George Edwin Cotter **Sikes**, of Broughton, Malton, North Yorkshire, who won the DSO as commander of the 133rd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment on April 12 and 13, 1945, when Arnhem was finally captured, left estate valued at £239,110 net.

Mr Clarence Moule **Jefferies**, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, left estate valued at £2,003,378 net.

He left £25,000 to the Carrwood Charitable Trust, £2,000 to Gideons International, and £1,000 each to the Manchester City Mission and the Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mr Douglas Joseph **Bird**, of Stroud, Gloucestershire .. £658,113.

Mrs Elizabeth Catherine **Blois**, of Camberley, Surrey ..... £707,820.

Mr George Albert **Day**, of Hayling Island, Hampshire ..... £901,741.

Mr Ronald George **Gale**, of Bedford ..... £1,268,954.

Mr Philip Nicholas **Glazebrook**, of Eardisland, Hereford. £873,652.

Mr Duncan Ian Ashton **McKechnie**, of Nayland, Suffolk ..... £1,663,279.

Mr Michael **O'Brien**, of Tonbridge, Kent ..... £615,617.

Mr Harry John **Richardson**, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire ..... £944,763.

Mr Griffith Owen **Thomas**, of Rhoshirwaun, Gwynedd £631,484.

Mrs Sylvia Mary **Western**, of Guildford, Surrey ..... £837,453.

MELANCHOLY EVENTS

ON THIS DAY

December 6 1796

In the days before refrigerators and ice skating rinks, bicycles and cars, the thrill of a frozen pond would have been enough for the foolhardy to cast caution to the winds.

Sunday was pregnant with numerous and fatal accidents, in consequence of the severe weather. It having thawed on Saturday, and frozen during the succeeding night, the streets were covered with ice, and many persons were severely hurt by falls. But although many unpleasant accidents occurred in the streets, the most serious and melancholy happened in the Parks, where persons were skaiting. The ice was only sufficient to bear in some parts.—Soon after 12 o'clock, two persons fell into the Canal at St James's-park, and were taken out for dead; but were fortunately recovered at the Horse-Guards, by the means recommended by the Humane Society. They were father and son! About three o'clock, five others fell in all at once; but fortunately they were all saved, none of them having been wholly under water. Soon after four o'clock, three more fell in, all of whom were drowned. The Serpentine River, in Hyde Park, presented scenes not less distressing. About three o'clock, a young man fell in, and his brother going to assist him, sunk down about half way on the road. They had a desperate struggle for their lives. The one who went to the relief of the other was several times quite under water. At last, a rope was procured, and they were both pulled out. During this distressing scene, the indignation of the numerous spectators was strongly provoked by several young men, who continued skaiting round the very places where the others fell in, and on parts of the ice more dangerous. Accordingly, soon after four o'clock, one man fell in, and three others going to his assistance, fell in like-wise. The first sunk: two others also disappeared, and the fourth was rescued with a rope, but in a very enfeebled condition, almost frozen to death. One of the bodies was afterwards found, taken out by a drag, and was, about six o'clock, consigned to the care of a miserable wife and child. On the Upper Reservoir, in the Green Park, a man's feet flew from under him while skaiting, and he fell backwards with great violence, his head first striking the ice. He fractured his skull, and he was carried to a Surgeon's without hopes of recovery. While we lament these recent losses, and annual deaths, which happen through the imprudence of persons skaiting before the ice is sufficiently strong, we cannot but be surprised that no means are taken to prevent this dangerous practice.

NEWS

Halfway to peace, says Reynolds

■ Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, offered a written promise that Ireland would hold a referendum on its ancient territorial claim to Ulster and said Britain and Ireland were halfway to a peace agreement.

Downing Street welcomed Mr Reynolds's surprise offer. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, insisted that Britain would stand by its guarantee that Northern Ireland's future was in the hands of its people ..... **Page 1**

Caution still stalks Gatt talks

■ Although a draft trade agreement would be presented to European Community ministers today and overall agreement seemed close, negotiators from France and the Community warned last night that last-minute hurdles could still obstruct a Gatt accord ..... **Pages 1, 10, 36**

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New slant on University match

■ Oxford and Cambridge meet in their annual rugby match tomorrow. David Hands looks at the Canadian influence in the teams.

Rattle in Vienna

■ This weekend Simon Rattle made his debut conducting the Vienna Philharmonic. How did the world's haughtiest orchestra respond?

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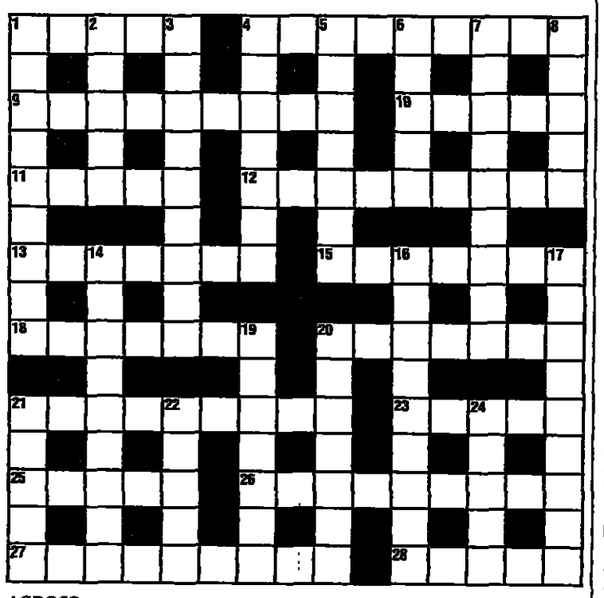
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WEATHER

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have rain, heavy at times, during the morning, but brighter weather, with showers, will spread from the northwest during the afternoon. England and Wales will be mostly cloudy. Outbreaks of rain will move southeast during the day, probably reaching southeast England by evening. Outlook: sunshine and showers tomorrow; wind and rain on Wednesday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain.

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Ajaccio	16	61	f	Madrid	9	48	f
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Majorca	16	61	s
Alex'dria	21	70	f	Malaga	18	64	s
Algiers	18	64	s	Malta	15	59	r
Amst'dm	8	46	c	Melb'rne	16	61	s
Athens	15	59	s	Miami*	28	82	s
Bahrain	22	72	s	Milan	7	45	s
Bangkok	31	88	s	Montreal*	4	39	f
Barbados*	29	84	f	Moscow	-11	12	sn
Barcelona	13	55	f	Munich	6	43	c
Beirut	19	66	s	Nairobi	23	73	f
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Berlin	6	43	f	N Delhi	21	70	s
Bermuda*	24	75	f	N York*	8	46	r
Biarritz	10	50	f	Nice	14	57	f
Borde'x	7	45	f	Oslo	3	37	s
Brussels	8	46	s	Paris	9	48	s
Budapst	1	34	f	Peking	5	41	s
B Aires*	23	73	c	Perth	28	82	s
Cairo	21	70	s	Prague	6	43	c
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Reykjavik	-2	28	sn
Chicago*	6	43	c	Rhodes	17	63	f
Ch'church	16	64	s	Rio de J	36	97	f
Cologne	8	46	s	Riyadh	26	79	s
C'phagn	6	43	c	Rome	17	63	s
Corfu	15	59	s	Salzburg	4	39	c
Dublin	9	48	f	S F'isco*	13	55	s
Faro	17	63	s	Santiago*	22	72	s
Florence	11	52	f	Seoul	3	37	s
Frankfurt	7	45	s	Sing'por	25	77	t
Funchal	19	66	s	St'kholm	5	41	c
Geneva	8	46	f	Strasb'rg	8	46	s
Gibraltar	17	63	s	Sydney	20	68	c
Helsinki	2	36	s	Tangier	17	63	f
Hong K	19	66	s	Tel Aviv	19	66	s
Innsbruck	1	34	f	Tenerife	22	72	s
Istanbul	11	52	s	Tokyo	13	55	s
Jeddah	30	86	f	Toronto*	4	39	r
Jo'burg*	24	75	f	Tunis	17	63	c
Karachi	32	90	s	Valencia	14	57	s
L Palmas	23	73	s	Vanc'ver*	7	45	s
Le Touet	11	52	f	Venice	8	46	c
Lisbon	10	50	c	Vienna	0	32	c
Locarno	7	45	s	Warsaw	5	41	c
L Angeles*	19	66	s	Wash'ton*	10	50	r
Luxembg	2	36	c	Wel'ngton	16	61	f
Luxor	25	77	s	Zurich	7	45	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,027.3 millibars, rising.
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: London, 13C (55F), lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 4C (39F); highest raintall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries & Galloway, 1.46in; highest sunshine, Isles of Scilly, 6.7hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F); min 6pm to 6am, 4C (39F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F); min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.13in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.4hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.1	0.27	6	43	sunny
Anglesey	5.8	0.29	9	48	sunny
Aviemore	2.4	0.68	4	39	bright
Belfast	4.9	0.25	7	45	sunny
Birmingham	4.4	0.13	10	50	rain
Bognor Regis	0.8	0.05	12	54	shower
Bournemouth	1.6	0.10	12	54	cloudy
Bristol	3.4	0.32	11	52	sunny
Buxton	2.5	0.25	6	43	rain
Cardiff	4.8	0.13	10	50	rain
Cromer	2.8	0.09	-	-	x bright
Edinburgh	5.4	0.24	7	45	sunny
Eskdalemuir	4.2	0.59	5	41	shower
Exmouth	4.0	0.11	11	52	sunny
Falmouth	5.3	0.15	13	55	sunny
Folkestone	-	0.07	11	52	cloudy
Glasgow	3.9	0.30	8	46	shower
Guernsey	1.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Hastings	-	0.02	11	52	drizzle
Hunstanton	2.4	-	10	50	cloudy
Isle of Man	5.8	0.51	9	48	rain
Jersey	0.4	0.04	12	54	cloudy
Kinloss	3.2	0.33	5	41	bright
Leeds	5.8	0.03	8	46	rain
Lerwick	1.9	0.37	5	41	hail
Littlehampton	0.9	0.05	12	54	rain
Liverpool	4.6	0.32	8	46	bright
London	1.4	0.05	13	55	cloudy
Manchester	3.3	0.17	8	46	shower
Margate	X	0.02	12	54	rain
Minehead	X	0.15	10	50	bright
Morecambe	5.0	0.63	8	46	sunny
Newcastle	4.9	0.05	8	46	rain
Nottingham	4.3	0.06	10	50	rain
Penzance	5.1	0.20	10	50	sunny
Plymouth	4.2	0.24	10	50	sunny
Poole	3.8	0.08	13	55	cloudy
Saunton Snd	5.2	0.16	10	50	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.7	0.07	10	50	sunny
Shanklin	3.5	0.04	12	54	sunny
Southend	2.0	0.02	12	54	bright
Southsea	1.1	0.07	12	54	cloudy
Stornoway	0.8	0.43	7	45	shower
Swanage	3.6	0.11	12	54	sunny
Teignmouth	4.2	0.17	12	54	sunny
Tenby	6.0	0.59	9	48	sunny
Tiree	3.3	0.30	9	48	shower
Torquay	3.8	0.28	12	54	sunny
Weymouth	4.1	0.07	11	52	sunny

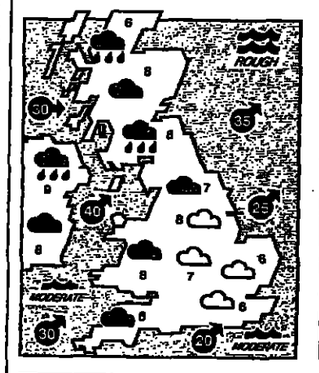
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TOURIST RATES

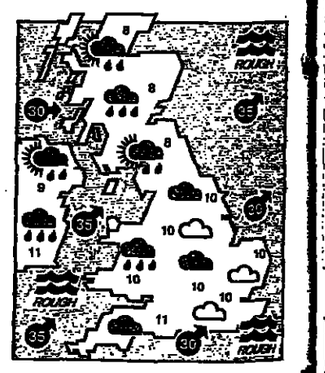
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.33	2.13
Austria Sch	18.62	17.42
Belgium Fr	56.88	52.46
Canada $	2.082	1.922
Cyprus Cypt	0.795	0.745
Denmark Kr	10.67	9.87
Finland Mrk	9.28	8.48
France Fr	9.23	8.53
Germany Dm	2.70	2.49
Greece Dr	384.50	358.50
Hong Kong $	12.12	11.12
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lira	2663.00	2508.00
Japan Yen	179.00	169.50
Malta	0.620	0.565
Netherlands Gld	3.010	2.780
Norway Kr	11.66	10.86
Portugal Esc	272.00	253.50
South Africa Rd	5.70	4.80
Spain Pta	217.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	13.06	12.26
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
Turkey Lira	20900.0	19300.0
USA $	1.592	1.452

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading Friday.

6AM



6PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 3.53 pm to 7.51 am
Bristol 4.03 pm to 8.00 am
Edinburgh 3.41 pm to 8.27 am
Manchester 3.51 pm to 8.09 am
Penzance 4.21 pm to 8.05 am

Sun rises: 7.51 am
Sun sets: 3.53 pm
Moon rises —
Moon sets 11.56 am

Last Quarter 3.49pm

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

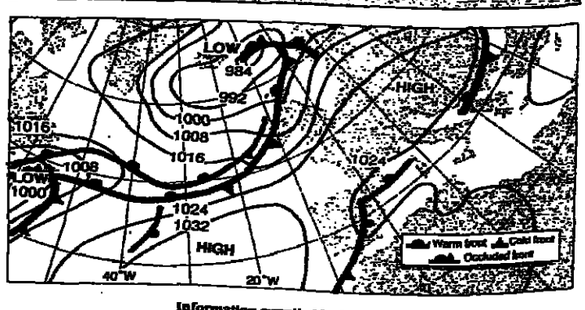
	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	7	45	s	Guernsey	10	50	c
B'mngham	9	48	s	Inverness	8	46	f
Blackpool	9	48	f	Jersey	10	50	c
Bristol	9	48	c	London	9	48	f
Cardiff	10	50	c	M'chester	9	48	c
Edinburgh	9	48	s	Newcastle	9	48	f
Glasgow	10	50	f	R'nldsway	10	50	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.57	6.4	6.39	6.4
Aberdeen	6.10	3.7	6.15	3.8
Avonmouth	11.40	11.4	—	—
Belfast	3.25	3.1	3.49	3.4
Cardiff	11.25	10.6	11.59	10.2
Devonport	10.08	4.9	10.46	4.6
Dover	3.18	6.1	3.46	5.8
Falmouth	9.33	4.7	10.16	4.4
Glasgow	5.26	4.3	5.24	4.9
Harwich	3.53	3.6	4.34	3.8
Holyhead	2.47	4.8	3.05	5.1
Hull	10.54	6.5	11.04	6.5
Ilfracombe	10.28	8.0	11.05	7.7
King's Lynn	11.12	5.5	11.17	5.7
Leith	7.31	4.8	7.45	5.0

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	3.32	8.2	3.55	8.4
Lowestoft	1.26	2.4	2.35	2.1
Margate	4.07	4.5	4.49	4.4
Milford Haven	10.49	6.1	11.25	5.8
Newquay	9.46	6.1	10.23	5.8
Oban	10.08	3.5	10.50	3.1
Penzance	9.22	4.9	10.01	4.6
Portland	10.44	1.7	11.39	1.8
Portsmouth	3.44	4.4	3.57	5.4
Shoreham	3.28	5.7	3.55	5.4
Southampton	3.24	4.1	3.39	4.0
Swansea	10.49	9.2	11.29	7.8
Tees	8.30	4.6	8.43	4.7
W'ton-on-Nze	3.48	3.8	4.31	3.8

NOON TODAY



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Everton's directors begin search for manager to bring glory back to Goodison

Transfer veto sparked Kendall departure

BY PETER BALL

A LACK of support over a proposed transfer deal provoked Howard Kendall's decision to resign as Everton manager on Saturday evening, it emerged yesterday. Kendall had agreed terms with Manchester United for Dion Dublin, but the Everton board refused to sanction a fee of £1.5 million for the forward.

The apparent abruptness of Kendall's decision took everyone by surprise. He announced it more than an hour after Saturday's game, having made no mention of it at the post-match press conference.

"The board were as surprised as everyone else by Mr Kendall's decision to leave at this time," Dr David Marsh, the chairman, claimed in a brief statement yesterday. The surprise of the players, who had not been told, was total.

"I didn't say anything to the players after the game because I would have broken up in front of them," Kendall said yesterday after clearing his desk at Everton's training ground. "I desperately wanted to do well here for the supporters, but I haven't been able to do what the fans wanted, and that hurts."

Kendall refused to elaborate about the reasons for his departure, which comes at a time when Everton are already in some turmoil following the death of the major shareholder, John Moores, whose will has not yet been read.

With his heirs showing little sign of wanting to continue the family hold on the club, there have been suggestions that Peter Johnson, the chairman of Tranmere Rovers, or a combination of Bill Kenwright, the show business impresario and Everton season-ticket holder, and Richard Branson, will take over. In the meantime, there is a vacuum, although the board will not wait to begin the search for Kendall's successor.

"We will make every effort to secure the right man, irrespective of how long it takes," Marsh said. His statement may contain a hint.

Some of the obvious candidates, including Peter Reid, the driving force of Kendall's fine team at Goodison in the mid-Eighties, subsequently his successor as manager of Manchester City, and Steve Coppell, would both be available immediately. Joe Royle, another former Evertonian, with an outstanding record with more limited resources at Oldham Athletic, would not be. In the meantime, Jimmy Gabriel, the reserve team coach, will take charge, starting with Wednesday's visit to Manchester City.

Kendall's successor this time will have a far less happy inheritance than that he bequeathed Colin Harvey when he moved to Athletic Bilbao in 1987 after winning his second League championship in three years.

Southend United refused a request yesterday by Birmingham City for permission to approach Barry Fry, their manager. Vic Jobson, the Southend chairman, said: "Barry Fry is under contract and we intend him to remain so and to realise with him our ambitions of Premier League football." Fry, though, said: "I think it only natural to want to hear what Birmingham have got to say. But the last thing that I would want to do is to leave Southend on other than amicable terms."

The club's financial situation is far from healthy, with debts of more than £4 million, and only 13,667 turned up to see the team beat Southampton 1-0 on Saturday, a reaction to last Tuesday's Coca-Cola Cup defeat by Manchester United.

The need for a big striker is paramount, as an injury to Paul Rideout has left the side with a diminutive forward line.

Financial restrictions had hamstrung Kendall's attempts to solve that problem last summer, Brian Deane and Mark Bright choosing not to join Everton while United turned down an earlier bid of £1 million for Dublin.

A bid for Duncan Ferguson, who finally moved to Rangers, revealed there was some money available, however, suggesting that the board's failure to sanction the move for Dublin revealed a lack of support for the manager.

As Kendall would be the first to admit, his own dealings lacked the sure touch he employed first time round. In particular, the signing of Mo Johnston proved a disaster, and earlier this season his contract was cancelled, at a loss of more than £1 million.

To the supporters, the decision to sell Peter Beardsley was equally faulty, a point Beardsley has been making effectively with his success at Newcastle United.

Barry Lloyd, the Brighton manager, left the second division side on Saturday by "mutual consent" after nearly seven years with the club. He lost his position as managing director last month after two years in the post. There were many calls for his resignation from supporters as Brighton sank to their lowest league position for 19 years.

Bath City win, page 25



Kendall: shock move

DESMOND BOYLAN



Harris, of Britain, competes in the 100 metres backstroke in the world short-course championships in Majorca yesterday. He won a silver medal in the event

All Blacks rage at critic Carling

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEW Zealand's rugby union team dispersed yesterday at the end of a tour in which they won 12 of their 13 matches yet failed to delight in the manner that their opening game, six weeks ago, suggested they might. Most of the players are staying in Europe and will thus be able to absorb, if not appreciate, the parting remarks made over the weekend by Will Carling, England's captain.

Carling suggested yesterday that the 1993 All Blacks will be remembered as a dirty side: "Some of their play has been beyond the conventions we obey, and I feel more sad about the damage they have done to rugby's image. They were quite ready to be underhand if they thought it would serve their cause."

That Carling criticised without reference to various recent murky episodes — easily recalled by the All Blacks — in which British sides were responsible detracts from the strength of his argument, which also ignored the positive qualities of the game played by New Zealand.

Sean Fitzpatrick, the New Zealand captain, bridled when it was put to him after the 25-12 defeat of the Barbarians in Cardiff on Saturday that he led a dirty team: "Maybe if you concentrated on the rugby more the game would develop over here." It left the question hanging in the air — like the New Zealand reaction to the injuries to Philip de Glanville and Kyran Bracken on which the primary accusations rest.

"We don't deliberately give away penalties," Laurie Mains, the coach, said.

The final tour game left Scott Gibbs with an injured knee after a legitimate tackle. He must be doubtful for Wales's match against Scotland on January 15.

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Foster proves point as fastest man in water

FROM CRAIG LORD IN PALMA, MAJORCA

MARK Foster led an aggressive charge on medals as Britain's success snowballed at the inaugural world short-course swimming championships here last night. It was the team's best performance at world or Olympic level.

Never before have Britons won three titles at one championship on a world stage but, inspired by the victories of Karen Pickering on Friday and Nick Gillingham on Saturday, Foster's 21.84sec gave him victory in the 50 metres freestyle and Britain's first world or Olympic gold medal in the discipline.

Just 0.24sec shy of his world record, the effort underlined the pedigree of his World Cup title and reputation of the fastest man in water. But it was the fashion of his victory that brought people to their feet at the Palacio Municipal pool. He led from start to finish on the way to "the greatest thrill of my career".

Fernando Sherer, the Brazilian, who had won the 100 metres on Saturday, and Hu Bin, the Chinese who was not ranked among the top 100 in the world last year, posed the greatest threat in a field of eight that was separated by just 0.5sec.

But Foster prevailed with a decisive lunge as the pack closed down on him in the final few metres. "It was a split decision, either lunge or do another stroke," he said. It left him 0.09sec ahead of Hu, with Robert Abernethy, of Australia, third in 21.97sec.

Within an hour, Fraser Walker and Martin Harris had won silver medals for Britain in the 200 metres medley and 100 metres backstroke respectively. Harris could not match the underwater speed of Tripp Schwenk, of the United States, but having set a British record of 53.92sec in the morning heats, he was determined to hang on to his runner-up spot. Walker, an Edinburgh undergraduate, swam the race of his life to cut three seconds off his British record to take silver in 1min 58.35sec.



Foster: led from start

The chain started with Pickering's victory in the 200 metres freestyle on Friday and Gillingham's majestic win in the 200 metres breaststroke on Saturday. Gillingham, 26, lowered his European record to 2min 07.91sec to nudge within 0.11sec of the world record of Phil Rogers, the Australian he beat into second place.

It was Gillingham's first world title and will allow him to prepare for the summer long-course championships at Rome next year, at last free of the fear that he would never win a world or Olympic title despite having won three at European level.

Graeme Smith set a British record of 14min 54.45sec in fourth place in the 1,500 metres freestyle, on his first outing for Britain, while Joanne Deakins added to British delight by breaking the national record when finishing fifth in the 200 metres backstroke in 2min 09.99sec.

China finished at the top of the medals table with ten golds, five silvers and one bronze. Only one of them went to a Chinese man, silver for Hu Bin, who was second to Foster. The Chinese women won ten of their available 16 titles and set 13 world records.

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Shearer's goal adds to Hoddle's plight

Blackburn Rovers	2
Chelsea	0

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

REPUTATIONS were enhanced and eroded in equal measure at Ewood Park yesterday. While Alan Shearer added further weight to suggestions that he is close to becoming the complete centre forward, the idea of Glenn Hoddle being appointed England manager seemed like a bad joke.

Shearer's fourteenth goal in 14 starts this season ensured that Blackburn climbed to third place in the FA Carling Premiership, leaving Hoddle, the Chelsea player-manager, to ponder his side's record of one point and two goals in nine games. On yesterday's form, they are heading for the Endsleigh Insurance League.

His defence seemed incapable of operating as a flat back four and Hoddle, again prevented from playing by the after-effects of flu, kicked sand on the touchline running track in frustration when, in the 89th minute, Ripley crossed from the right for the umpteenth time and Shearer volleyed beyond Kharine.

Chelsea had long since surrendered to a goal from Graeme Le Saux, a Stamford Bridge old boy, in the fourteenth minute. Gallacher crossed from the left, Newell headed down and Le Saux gave Kharine no chance with a splendid left-foot volley from 15 yards.

Shearer's all-round contribution was again impressive, the England centre forward having added yet another string to his bow lately with the ability to provide telling crosses. Still primarily about scoring goals, Shearer's play has developed to the point where he also regularly creates chances for team mates with lay-offs. This marriage of power and precision is a testimony to the hours Shearer spends on perfecting his first touch in training.

Stein, of Chelsea, would do well to follow suit — he certainly has much room for improvement in this direction. The £1.6 million acquisition from Stoke was presented with Chelsea's only realistic first-half chance but, finding himself free in space, he was betrayed by lack of control.

With Hendry, at centre half, and Berg, the right back, presenting stone-wall resistance in Blackburn's back line, Chelsea seemed incapable of any attacking invention. However, in Kharine they do have a goalkeeper in the creative mould. Apparently averse to catching, his repeated punches should have been more heavily punished.

His imperfect positional sense heightened Chelsea's aura of vulnerability and it remains a mystery that Hoddle refuses to play Lee at centre half. A commanding defender, Lee impressed greatly last season but does not seem to be in favour at the Bridge.

At this rate, neither will Hoddle be soon. The biggest indictment of his side is that they did not even play attractively. Below par themselves, Blackburn could, and should, have scored a hatful.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, C Hendry, D May, G Le Saux — S Ripley, D Batty, T Sherwood, K Gallacher — A Shearer, M Newell.
CHELSEA (4-4-2): D Kharine — G Hall, F Sinclair, E Johnsen, M Donaghy — D Wise, E Newton, G Peacock, D Hopkin (sub: C Burley, 76min) — N Shipperley (sub: A Cascarino, 57), M Stein
Referee: G Ashby.



Shearer: impressive

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Price completes his runaway success

NICK Price maintained his remarkable standard of golf at Sun City, Bophuthatswana, yesterday, where he won the Million Dollar Challenge by 12 strokes. The Zimbabwean, 36, described his performance as "the finest four rounds I have ever put together" after taking the sport's biggest first prize, worth £684,931.

His closing round of 65, in which he holed a 135-yard wedge shot for an eagle two at the 1st, equalled the course record, while his total of 264, 24 under par, broke the previous best for the tournament, set by Bernhard Langer two years ago, by eight shots. Nick Faldo, who finished 17 strokes back in fifth place, said: "He was on a different planet this week."

Curtis Strange, the former US Open champion, ended four years without a tournament success by taking the Greg Norman Holden Classic in Sydney yesterday. He finished on 274, two strokes ahead of John Wade, of Australia.

Compagnoni recovers

SKIING: Deborah Compagnoni, of Italy, earned her first World Cup giant slalom victory yesterday in Tignes, France, with an excellent second run that edged out the favourite, Anita Wachter, from Austria. Compagnoni, the Olympic super-giant slalom champion, trailed Wachter by 0.44sec after the first leg, but a storming second run saw her subdue Wachter, the overall World Cup leader, by 0.24sec, who paid heavily for mistakes in the middle part of the course. Twenty-four hours earlier, Kate Pace, of Canada, proved the unexpected world title she won last season was not a fluke as she held off the challenge of Katja Seizinger, of Germany, to win the opening women's World Cup downhill of the season.

Hammond still ahead

CYCLING: Roger Hammond, last year's junior world cyclo-cross champion and now a senior amateur, had an easy win yesterday in the third round of the National Trophy series at Leicester to keep himself top of the table and increase his lead over Steve Douce, the title-holder, who is a professional. Douce was fourth behind Barrie Clarke and Richard Thackray. At the end of the first two-mile lap, Hammond was 30 seconds ahead of the field, which He increased to 2min 25sec by the end of the 12-mile race. Such was his lead that a puncture on the third lap proved no problem.

Whitaker takes first

EQUESTRIANISM: Michael Whitaker convincingly won his third Volvo World Cup qualifier with the ten-year-old Everest Twostep. After a tough two-round-plus-jump-off competition, Whitaker admitted his horse had seemed tired in earlier events in Berlin and Maastricht and agreed that this track suited Twostep. "He's lacking a little in experience and I don't want to push him too hard, but he jumped brilliantly for me today," he said. Whitaker's win moved him to fourth place in the Western European League of the Volvo World Cup series with 38 points from seven events.

Boone defeats rival

RACKETS: Willie Boone, the favourite, beat John Prenn, his old rival, to take the Lacoste British amateur championship in four games at the Queen's Club, London. Boone and Prenn, both former world champions, had seen off a series of youthful challengers en route to the final and, in the semi-finals, Prenn had survived a tight match against the improving Mark Hue Williams, clinching victory with a 15-13 win in the fifth game. Boone, who looked sharp and confident all week, defeated Tim Cockroft, the fourth seed, at the same stage.

Schanche prevails

MOTOR SPORT: Martin Schanche, of Norway, yesterday became the first driver to score a third victory in the Brands Hatch British rallycross grand prix, held over a circuit that combined loose gravel surfaces and tarmac. Schanche, driving a four-wheel-drive turbocharged Ford Escort RS2000, stormed from the second row of the starting grid to dominate the final race to the chequered flag. The Subaru of Per Eklund, of Sweden, suffered a puncture with one lap remaining, and despite fighting to maintain control, he lost second place to Barry Squibb, of Torquay.

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Duncan Heenan, Philip Longhurst, Stan Davies, Jane Corfield and Lucy Fleming join forces to solve one of the tests at Kiddington

Challenge's cold-water torture

By Barry Pickthall

IN A chilly reminder of what crews in the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race are facing in the Southern Ocean, 11 hopeful readers of *The Times* were subjected to a series of water tortures this weekend in a final test to decide the two winners — one man and one woman — of specially reserved berths on the Ocean Challenge 1996-7.

The opportunity for amateurs to race round the world and report for *The Times* on their experiences attracted more than 2,600 applications. The finalists, who ranged from a fit and agile grandmother to a midwife, bank manager, accountant and policeman, had already written an essay on why they should take on a challenge that would cast them adrift for a year from family, friends and a job. Their final test was a management assault course run by MaST (Management and Skills Training) at Kiddington Hall in Oxfordshire.

"It was a weekend-long game of *Gladiators*," was how James Capstick, a police sergeant in the mounted division, described the events. "I was terrified." Virginia Smith, a mother of six with two grandchildren, said. "Suddenly, pushing a shopping trolley around Sainsbury's seemed an infinitely more sensible thing to be doing." Jane Corfield, muddied but unbowed, said.

Chay Blyth, the Challenge organiser and a master of testing challenges, had set a daunting agenda with his colleagues from MaST that began with a cross-country run and pre-dawn dip in a swimming pool. The finalists — minus one who did not attend — had come to compete against one another but found the test was to work in a team.

"An ability to meld in and play a constructive role within a group are the qualities we are looking for — together with a cheerful grin in the face of adversity," Blyth said, knowing from bitter experience how tough it can be down in the icy wastes of the Southern Ocean.

For Lucy Duncan, a midwife from Nottingham, the news on Friday night that the Italian crew of the Whitbread yacht, *Brooksfield*, were in distress in the Indian Ocean, was a reminder of the dangers that surround her dream. "It was not an ideal start to the weekend and having come from a busy shift at the hospital, I spent the first evening in a daze," she said.

Yesterday's finale, the transportation of a Roman ballista across two arms of the river before firing at a target, proved the toughest and wettest test, particularly for Ian Kydd, a diplomat, who went down with the raft he was commanding.

Emerging covered in weed to direct his team to fire at the by now tempting target of a bottle of champagne, a shivering but grinning Kydd said: "It has been amazing. We came here to compete against each other and leave as the firmest of friends. I have learned an enormous amount about myself and of working within a team."

The two winners will be announced in *The Times* on Monday, December 13.

THE TIMES/OCEAN CHALLENGE FINALISTS: Ian Kydd, 46, diplomat, from Twickenham, Middlesex; Lucy Duncan, 33, midwife, Wollaton, Nottingham; Duncan Heenan, 45, chartered accountant, Cheltenham; Lucy Fleming, 46, actress, Henley-on-Thames; James Capstick, 35, police officer, Woking, Surrey; Philip Longhurst, 33, communications technician, Ipswich; Jo Dawson, 31, bank manager, Odiham, Hampshire; Robert Stubbs, 42, chartered accountant, Menston, Leeds; Jane Corfield, 36, public relations consultant, Godalming, Surrey; Stan Davies, 47, communications engineer, Southampton; Virginia Smith, 48, travel executive, Shambrook, Bedfordshire. Sarah Rae, 30, civil servant, Battersea, London, did not attend.

OCEAN CHALLENGE 1996–1997
The World's Toughest Yacht Race
THE TIMES



Teamwork proves all-important in avoiding a dip in the Oxfordshire water

Smith nears finish

AFTER the successful search for Guido Maisto and his Italian Whitbread Round the World Race crew aboard Brooksfield in the Southern Ocean early on Saturday, Matt Humphries and his crew limped into the Kerguelen Islands yesterday to make repairs to their British yacht, Dolphin & Youth Challenge, (Barry Pickthall writes). Both yachts had steering problems.

Daniel Malle and his crew aboard the French maxi, La Poste, who found Maisto and his crew safe and well on Saturday, will undoubtedly be given a time allowance for turning back. The winds were still raging yesterday as Lawrie Smith's leading yacht, Intrum Justitia, closed to within 800 miles of the finish.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00GMT yesterday, with miles to Fremantle): Whitbread 60 class: 1 Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 881 miles; 2 Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 945; 3 Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 1,048; 4 Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 1,076; 5 Winston (B Butterworth, US) 1,424; 6 Brooksfield (G Maisto, It) 1,666; 7 Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr) 2,091; 8 Women's Challenge (D Riley, US) 2,099; 9 Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 2,288; 10 Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 2,421. Maxi class: 1 NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 1,049; 2 Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Swiss) 1,070; 3 La Poste (D Malle, Fr) 1,667; 4 Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Urg) 2,450.
□ *Information provided by BT.*

Bradford provide lesson in taking chances

Castleford 6
Bradford Northern 13

By Christopher Irvine

THE immovable object took some shifting yesterday, but in a gripping encounter the irresistible force just about managed. it, Bradford Northern ending a ten-year losing sequence at Wheldon Road in the Stones Bitter rugby league championship.

When they lost Hobbs to the sin-bin for a professional foul on Kemp in the 74th minute, Bradford might well have been content with a draw. But as if paralysed by the prospect, Castleford added to the procession of missed chances that characterised their performance.

Bradford have won most their games this season by coming through on the rails. This time, they led from the fifteenth minute when Fox kicked a penalty and they were then unyielding as they fended off Castleford throughout the second half.

On several occasions Nikau burst through the Bradford defence, and it was a poor reward for the New Zealander when Ford dropped the loose forward's scoring pass in the closing moments.

Although they saw substantially less of the opposition line, Bradford were far more decisive. When Summers sent Newlove clear on halfway, the muscular Great Britain centre slipped two tackles and careered over, in spite of Steadman's desperate last-ditch effort to claw him back.

Half an hour passed before their next attack of merit. Then Heron, a replacement, who was remarkably spritely for a player of 35, dummied the cover before his long pass released Cordle.

In between, Ford swooped on a kick-through by Crooks that bounced off Kebbie's legs in the in-goal area. But Bradford grew wise to that tactic, and Fox's dropped goal a minute from time helped maintain theirs as the most credible Yorkshire challenge to Wigan's title.

SCORERS: Castleford: Try: Ford. Goal: Crooks. Bradford Northern: Tries: Newlove, Cordle. Goals: Fox (2). Dropped Goal: Fox.
CASTLEFORD: G Steadman; S Ellis, R Blackmore (sub: T Smith, 70min), G Anderson, S Middleton; T Kemp, M Ford; L Crooks, R Russell, M Ketteridge (sub: D Sampson, 58), T Morrison, I Smales, J Nikau.
BRADFORD NORTHERN: D Watson; G Cordle, S McGowan, P Newlove, B Kebbie; N Summers (sub: D Heron, 40), D Fox; D Hobbs, P Medley, J Hamer, R Powell, P Dixon, K Fairbank (sub: T Clark, 46).
Referee: D Campbell.

□ Martin Offiah, the Great Britain winger who scored the 300th try of his career in Wigan's 54-16 defeat of Hull Kingston Rovers, damaged a thigh in the process and is doubtful for the Regal Trophy game at Oldham next Sunday.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

COSFORD: Inter-area cross country matches: Senior men: 1 D Berris (English Univs) 31min 14sec; 2 M Simpson (S Counties) 31:15; 3 M Hawkins (N Counties) 31:32; 4 M Croasdale (N Counties) 31:35; 5 M Flint (RAF) 31:46; 6 P Cook (Wales) 31:48. Teams: 1 Northern Counties 77pts; 2 Southern Counties 100; 3 Midlands 139; 4 Wales 150; 5 Eastern Counties 258. Match: 1 RAF 126; 2 Midlands 139; 3 Wales 150; 4 English Universities 163. Junior men: 1 C Jones (Wales) 21:37; 2 B Reiper (North) 21:56; 3 W Levett (Midlands) 22:15. Team. 1 Northern Counties 37, 2 Wales 42; 3 Eastern Counties 44; 4 Midlands 54, 5 South 71; Match: 1 Wales 42; 2 Midlands 55; 3 RAF 147. Senior women: 1 H Moulder (Midlands) 24:31, 2 H Nash (Wal) 24:47; 3 L Maddison (Wales) 24:59; 4 S Lynch (Wales) 25:22; 5 S Bentley (Midlands) 25:31; 6 N Mounty (Midlands) 25:42; Team. 1 Wales 20; 2 Midlands 28; 3 South 46. Match. 1 Wales 20; 2 Midlands 28; 3 English Universities 52. Junior women: 1 N Slater (South) 12:56; 2 J Oldfield (Midlands) 13:31; 3 C Gardner (Midlands) 13:38; Team. 1 Midlands 23, 2 South 24; 3 Wales 31.
FUKUOKA, Japan: Marathon: 1 D Ceron (Mex) 2hr 8min 51sec; 2 G Thys (SA) 2:09:31; 3 V Dossantos (Br) 2:10:20; 4 M O'Reilly (GB) 2:10:39
LES MUREAUX, France: Cross country: Men (9.225km): 1 W Omwoyo (Kenya) 26min 1sec, 2 K Boulami (Mor) 26.11, 3, E Bitok (Kenya) 26:32 Women (4.5km): 1 J Negura (Rom) 14:08; 2 O Bondarenko (Russ) 14:15; 3 M Marouclieva (Russ) 14.27.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Thames Valley 116, Doncaster 75, Birmingham 90 Hemel Hempstead 74, London Towers 83 Guildford 98, Worthing 97 Sunderland 74; Oldham 93 Derby 104.
NATIONAL LEAGUE. Men: First division: Plymouth 80, Stockton 86; Solent 70, Crystal Palace 84. Second division: Lewisham 81, Guildford 107; Liverpool 97, Leicester 75 Women: First division: Barking and Dagenham 79, Thames Valley 77; Sheffield 60, Nottingham 57. Second division: Leicester 71, Cardiff 68; Plymouth 36, Sunderland 48.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Atlanta 133 Houston 111: Boston 114 Portland 108; Chicago 104 Miami 99; Phoenix 104 New Jersey 103; San Antonio 94 Orlando 84; Milwaukee 107 Dallas 108, Denver 102 Charlotte 94. Saturday: New York 123 Sacramento 101; Portland 118 Washington 105; Utah 122 Charlotte 108; Orlando 87 Cleveland 83, Golden State 99 Indiana 92; Los Angeles Lakers 109 Los Angeles Clippers 102; San Antonio 90 Philadelphia 82; Seattle 99 Minnesota 82.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
7.30 unless stated
FA Carling Premiership
Arsenal v Tottenham (8.0)
FA VASE: Second round second replay: Banstead Ath v Newport IoW.
FA TROPHY: Third round qualifying replays: Murton v Bishop Auckland; Bashley v Dorchester.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Cardiff City v Harefield Utd; Brighton and Hove Albion v Wokingham Town; Gillingham v Swindon Town, Port Vale v Southend Utd, Reading v Bristol City; Watford v Aston Villa.
PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Stoke v Huddersfield (7.0).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea v Portsmouth (7.0).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Curzon Ashton v Mossley (7.30).

RUGBY UNION
Heineken League
First division
Bridgend v Neath (7.15)

BOXING

SUN CITY, South Africa: WBC International heavyweight championship: Herbie Hide (Norwich) ko Jeff Lampkin (US), 2nd rnd. Catchweight (10 rnds) Gary Murray (SA) bt Wayne Appleton (Pontefract), rsc 7th rnd. WBO world flyweight championship: Jake Matlala (SA) bt Luigi Camputaro (It), rst 7th rnd.
PARIS: European light-welterweight championship: Christian Merle (Fr) bt Valery Kayumba (Fr, holder), rsc 2nd rnd.
RENO, Nevada: WBC featherweight championship: Kevin Kelley (US) bt Goyo Vargas (Mex, holder), pts.
KWANGMYONG, South Korea: WBA featherweight championship: Eloy Rojas (Ven) bt Park Yung-kyun (S Kor), pts.
BAY ST LOUIS, Mississipi: Superfights heavyweight elimination tournament: Winner: Tony Tubbs (US)
STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY: BUSF championships: Under-54kg: D Foulstone (Keele) walkover; under-57kg: A Spencley (Leeds Metropolitan) bt J Hurst (Liverpool) rsf 1st rnd; under-60kg: A Mehta (Oxford) bt S Ahearne (Portsmouth) pts. under-63½kg: D Rhemi (Liverpool Institute) bt S Ross (Strathclyde) rsc 2nd; under-67kg: R Duncan (Oxford) bt F Cox (Aberdeen) rsc 1st, under-71kg: I Sutcliffe (Oxford) bt A Mohammed (Wolverhampton) pts; under-75kg: P Joy (Cambridge) walkover. under-81kg: E Bengry (Staffordshire) bt R Broad (Kent) pts; under-91kg: G Armitt (West London) ko A Neale (Keele) 1st, over-91 kg: J Roberts (Oxford) bt E Cripps (West London) pts.

CRICKET

TOUR MATCHES: Galle: West Indians 278-6 (C L Hooper 89, R A Harper 55, R I C Holder 72 not out) v Sri Lanka Board President's XI. Match abandoned. Melbourne (second day of four): South Africans 281 (B M McMillan 55; D Flemming 6-86); Victoria 260-8 (D Ramshaw 71, B Hodge 80).

CYCLING

ROAD RACE: Leicestershire RC handicap (Belton, 35 miles). 1 M Dawes (Beeston RC) 1hr 20min 30sec; 2 P Wilkes (De Montfort CC) at 30sec; 3 A Bland (Walsall RCC) same time.
CYCLO-CROSS: National Trophy (third round, Leicester, 12 miles): 1 R Hammond (VC Bad) 1hr 4min 31sec: 2 B Clarke (Raleigh) at 2min 25sec; 3 R Thackray (Bradford Olympic) at 2:28. Overall. 1 Hammond 118 pts; 2 S Douce (PCA) 103, 3 Clarke 96. Irish championship (Ballymoney, co Antrim, 14.3 miles). 1 R Seymour (Dublin) 54:47; 2 B Monaghan (Newry Wheelers) at 7sec; 3 J Pennyfeather (unattached) at 1:40. Addiscombe CC Scramble (Crawley, 12 miles): 1 P Rice (Army CC) 1:04:50: 2 A Ford (Addiscombe CC) at 15sec; 3 R Eden (Covent Garden Cycles) at 55sec. Altrincham RC (Manchester 11.5, miles): 1 J Shackleton (Gloucester City CC) 1:02:12; 2 J Moston (Crewe Clarion Wheelers) at 14sec; 3 R Hunt (Horwich CC) at 2:24. Bristol RC (Ashton Court, 7.5 miles): 1 T Locke (Severn RC) 56:52; 2 T Underhill (Bristol MBC) at 1:10; 3 C Rowles (Severn RC) at 3:04. Derby Mercury RC (10 miles): 1 M Seddon (Ace RT) 42:48; 2 T Gould (Schwinn) at 29sec; 3 J Taylor (Beeston RC) at 2:18. Hereford and District Wheelers (Mansell Lacy, 10 miles): 1 S Pearse (Severn RC) 51:20; 2 A Baum (Swansea CC) at 1:20; 3 S Bennett (Stourbridge CC) at 2:00. Kirkby CC (Liverpool, 12 miles): 1 C Young (Team Orange) 49:50; 2 P Whatmough (Zodiac CRC) at 30sec; 3 M Bethell (Macclesfield Wheelers) at 1 lap. Oxonian CC (Great Haseley, 11 miles): 1 S Pearse (Severn RC) 1:02:46; 2 R Bayliss (CC La Zouch) at 3:44; 3 S Gregory (Oxonian CC) at 5.35. Seacroft Wheelers (Leeds, 10 miles): 1 M Young (Bradford Olympic RC) 1:04.11; 2 G Turner (Leeds MBC) at 35sec; 3 N Clough (ACC) at 51sec. Spalding CC (Bourne, 10 miles): 1 M Farrow (Renrad Club Norwich) 1:00:11; 2 J Snodin (Invicta RC) at 38sec; 3 N Taylor (Hykeham ATB) at 55sec VC Nouveau (Redcar, 14 miles) 1 R Colledge (Houghton CC) 1:15:00, 2 G Turnbull (Tyneside Triathlon Club) at 14sec: 3 J Shaw (Peugeot) at 37sec
ZURICH: Six-day race: Final placings: 1 B Risi and K Betschart (Switz) 336pts; 2, one lap behind, E de Wilde (Bel) and J Veggerby (Den) 267. 3, two laps, A Baffi and P Bincoletto (It) 336, 4, six laps, U Freuler and W Stutz (Switz) 273; 5, 13 laps, D Rüegg and P Vetsch (Switz) 261

EQUESTRIANISM

BORDEAUX: Volvo World Cup qualifier: 1, Everest Twostep (M Whitaker, GB); 2, Bracayo Flar (P Guerdat, Switz); 3, Rocher Rouge (A Ledermann, Fr)

GOLF

SUN CITY, South Africa: Million Dollar Challenge: Final scores: 264: N Price (Zim), 67, 66, 66, 65 276: M McNulty (Zim), 71, 70, 68, 67. 279: B Langer (Ger), 72, 69, 70, 68 280: F Allem (SA), 72, 70, 72, 66. 281: N Faldo (GB), 67, 73, 72, 69. 285: C Pavin (US), 71, 70, 71, 73 287: E Els (SA), 76, 69, 69, 73. 288: D Frost (SA), 71, 70, 73, 74. 290: M O'Meara (US), 74, 71, 70, 75 295: L Janzen (US), 76, 73, 75, 71; P Stewart (US), 75, 75, 72, 73 309: I Woosnam (GB), 76, 78 80, 75.
THE LAKES, Sydney: Greg Norman Holden Classic: Final scores: 274: C Strange (US), 68, 67, 69, 70 276: J Wade, 70, 69, 66, 71 277: V Singh (Fiji), 72, 71, 68, 66. 280: S Elkington, 67, 70, 71, 72 281: P Senior, 72, 71, 68, 70, R Floyd (US), 76, 72, 67, 66. 282: A Lyle (GB), 74, 69, 69, 70. 283: G Hjertstedt (Swe), 71, 76, 70, 66. G Norman, 75, 72, 68, 69. 284: J Payne (GB), 73, 73, 69, 69.
TARPON SPRINGS, Florida: Mixed team event: Third round (US unless stated): 199: M Springer and M McNamara, 67, 69, 63; T Seckmann and D McHaffie, 63, 69, 67. 200: K Perry and S Steinhauer, 65, 68, 67. 201: T Wargo and N Scranton, 69, 66, 66; F Funk and T Barrett, 68, 65, 68. 203: B Gilder and C Rarick, 72, 66, 65, D Hart and D Coe-Jones (Can). 71, 66, 66 213: M Hulbert and L Davies (GB), 70, 71, 72. 214: B Bryant and P Johnson (GB). 73, 72, 69

ICE SKATING

COLORADO SPRINGS: Women's world junior championships: 1 M Kwan (US) 1.5 factored placements; 2 K Czako (Hun) 3 British placing: 24 S Main 34.5.

HOCKEY

Men
PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury 1 Bromley 0; East Grinstead 3 Hounslow 2; Havant 4 Cannock 1, Indian Gymkhana 0 Reading 2; Old Loughtonians 2 Bournville 0; Slough 2 Firebrands 0; St Albans 2 Trojans 1; Stourport 3 Southgate 1; Welton 0 Teddington 3. Second division: Guildford 6 Cheltenham 3, Harborne 0 Barford Tigers 2; Doncaster 1 Isca 2; Edgbaston 1 Brooklands 3; Cambridge City 3 Neston 0; Harleston Magpies 1 Surbiton 3; Oxford University 4 Beeston 1; Richmond 2 Warrington 1; Sheffield 3 Cambridge City 1
ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Ben Rhydding 3 Timperley 0; Blackburn 2 York 2; Formby 2 Hightown-Northern 0; Norton 8 Durham University 1; Southport 2 Alderley Edge 2.
Women
AEWHA CUP: Third round: Aldridge 0 Trojans 0 (6-5 on penalty strokes); BAC 1 Weston 2. Balsam Leicester 2 Sherwood 0; Basingstoke 3 Bumtash 0; Belvedere 0 Worthing 1. Bournemouth 0 Olton WW 1; Bracknell 4 Pressed Steel Fisher 1; Bradford Swithambank 5 Yate 0; Crimson Ramblers 0 Blueharts 1; Dereham 0 Chelmsford 8; Doncaster wo Clifton scr; Dudley 0 North Staffs 2. Dulwich 1 Colwall 2; Ealing 2 St Albans 0; Exmouth 2 Reading 0; Guildford 3 Swindon 0, Hampton 1 Cheltenham 1 (4-5); Harrow 0 Wimborne W 2, Hightown 5 Luton Town 0; Loughborough Students 3 Wolverhampton 1; Morpeth 0 Slough 4; Newcastle 3 Colchester 0; Ormskirk Ford 2 Sonning 1; Oxford Hawks 0 FP Sutton Coldfield 8; Pickwick 0 Poynton 0 (4-2); Southgate 0 Canterbury 4, Sunderland Bedans 0 Ipswich 1; WGC 1 Southampton 0; Whitley Bay 5 Ambleside 1; Wimbledon 3 Broxbourne 0; Winchmore Hill 0 Tulse Hill 1; Woking Swifts 1 Great Harwood 1 (9-8).
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Balsam Leicester 4 FP Sutton Coldfield 1; Chelmsford 1 Clifton 1, Ealing 0 Ipswich 1; Slough 1 Hightown 0. Leading positions: Leicester played 8, 19pts: 2 Ipswich 8, 17; 3 Slough 8, 15: 4 Hightown 9, 13 First division: Blueharts 0 Bracknell 2; Bradford 2 Exmouth 2: Trojans 1 Doncaster 1; Wimbledon 0 Pickwick 0 Second division: Colwall 0 Canterbury 1: Harleston Magpies 0 Sherwood 1, Great Harwood 0 Sunderland Bedans 1; Woking Swifts 3 Olton WW 0.
MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Aldridge 4 Loughborough Ladies 0; Belper 1 Loughborough Students 3; Crimson Ramblers 1 Tamworth 0; Hampton 2 Kettering 1.
NORTH LEAGUE: Carlisle 0 Newcastle 1; Chester 1 York 3; Poynton 4 Liverpool 0; Springfields 1 Ormskirk Ford 0
SOUTH LEAGUE: City of Portsmouth 1 West Witney 0; Dulwich 0 Reading 2, Ealing B 3 Winchmore Hill 1; Southampton 4 Cheam 1; Winchester 1 Guildford 2; Worthing 4 Camberley 0.
WEST LEAGUE: Cheltenham 1 Redland 2; Clifton II 0 Bournemouth 2; Exeter 2 Swindon 0; Exeter II 0 Yate 2, Gloucester 2 Wimborne Wayfarers 1. Leominster 0 East Gloucestershire 1; Western-super-Mare 0 St Austell 2.
SOUTH WALES LEAGUE: St Fagans 2, Old Howardians 1

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Final: Murrayfield 6 Cardiff 2 (at Sheffield Arena).
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Detroit 8 Ottawa 1, Quebec 3 New York Islanders 2, Washington 2 Montreal 2 (OT), San Jose 3 Winnipeg 3 (OT). Saturday: Montreal 8 Boston 1, New Jersey 2 Chicago 2 (OT), Calgary 6 Philadelphia 0, Quebec 3 Vancouver 1, Washington 6 Ottawa 1, St Louis 4 Dallas 3, New York Rangers 4 Toronto 3, Pittsburgh 7 Hartford 6 (OT), Tampa Bay 5 Los Angeles 4 (OT).

JUDO

CRYSTAL PALACE: British closed championships: Winners: Men: Under-60kg: J Johnson (Midlands). Under-65kg: S Moss (Midlands). Under-71kg: D Kingston (Northern Home Counties). Under-78kg: W Cusack (Scot). Under-86kg: F Davis (Midlands). Under-95kg: L Alexander (London). Over-95kg: W Etherington (North-West). Women: Under-48kg: J Heron (Scot). Under-52kg: D Allen (South) Under-56kg: C Peel (Northern Home Counties). Under-61kg: K Weir (Scot). Under-66kg: C Cowen (North). Under-72kg: K Howey (South). Over-72kg: M Rogers (North-West).

LACROSSE

HAMPTON, *Middlesex*: All England women's senior counties tournament: Semi-finals: Lancashire 5 Sussex 1; Surrey 4 Bucks and Oxon 0. Final: Surrey 4 Lancashire 1.

MOTOR SPORT

BRANDS HATCH: British rally-cross grand prix: 1 M Schanche (Nor), Ford Escort RS2000, 5min 40sec: 2 B Squibb (GB), Ford Escort Cosworth, 5.48.3; 3 P Eklund (Swe), Subaru Legacy, 5:48.9.

NETBALL

ENGLISH COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Surrey 64 Birmingham 58; Bedfordshire 38 Middlesex 30; Hampshire North 41 East Essex 44; Mid Hampshire 26 Essex Met 60. Second division: Hertfordshire 63 Humberside 57, West Yorkshire 32 Nottinghamshire 31, Cheshire 53 East Dorset 50, Derbyshire 44 Kent 39. Third division: Lancashire 51 Warwickshire 40, Northamptonshire 44 West Devon 38; Sussex 40 Gloucestershire 44; South Yorkshire 57 South Durham 33.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Lacoste British amateur championship: Semi-finals: W Boone bt T Cockroft 15-13, 17-16, 15-7; J Prenn bt M Hue Williams 10-15, 15-10, 15-7, 15-18, 15-13. Final: Boone bt Prenn 18-13, 9-15, 15-2, 15-9.

SHOOTING

SUTTON COLDFIELD: Inter-universities smallbore rifle championship: Midlands region: Teams of six: 1 Birmingham 1,119, 2 Leicester 1,087, 3 Loughborough 1,071; 4 Nottingham 978 Individual: 1 M Farthing 190; 2 A Ringer 189; equal 3 S Romose, D Thomas 188.

BADMINTON

CARDIFF: Carlton Welsh International championships: Finals: Men's singles: D Hall (Essex) bt P Knowles (Kent) 14-17, 15-6, 15-5. Men's doubles: S Archer (Worcs) and M Adams (Yorks) bt S Melnikov and N Zuev (Russ) 16-3, 15-5. Women's singles: M Andrievskaya (Russ) bt Si An Deng (Can) 12-10. 11-1 Women's doubles: J Bradbury (Oxon) and J Wright (Sussex) bt J Muggeridge (Kent) and J Davies (Lincoln) 15-9, 15-4

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Castleford 6 Bradford 13
Castleford: Tries: Ford. Goals: Crooks. Bradford: Tries: Cordle, Newlove. Goals: Fox 2 Dropped Goal: Fox. Att: 6,919
Halifax 20 Widnes 12
Halifax: Tries: Bentley 2, Divorty. Goals: Schuster 4. Widnes: Tries: Devereux, Myers. Goals: Goulding 2. Att: 5,721
Oldham 42 Leigh 6
Oldham: Tries: Abram 4, Green 2, Kuiti, Ranson. Goals: Topping 5. Leigh: Tries: Martin. Goals: Clarke Att: 3,139
Salford 22 Wakefield 8
Salford: Tries: Critchley 2, Forber, Ford, Jack. Goals: Brown. Wakefield: Tries: Child. Goals: B Conway, Paul. Att: 3,525
Sheffield 8 Leeds 31
Sheffield: Tries: Frisse, Jackson. Leeds: Tries: Fallon, Hanley, Mercer, Rose, Stephens Goals: Holroyd 5. Dropped goal: Holroyd. Att: 3,500
Warrington 30 Featherstone 14
Warrington: Tries: Myler 2, Cullen, Davies, Elliott. Goals: Davies 5. Featherstone: Tries: Daunt, Pearson. Goals: Pearson 3. Att: 5,626
Wigan 54 Hull KR 16
Wigan: Tries: Betts 2, Offiah 2, Clarke, Connolly, Craig, Mather, Panapa, Stevens. Goals: Botica 7 Hull KR: Tries: P Fletcher 2, Chamberlain. Goals: M Fletcher 2. Att: 10,763

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warrington	13	11	0	2	290	185	22
Wigan	12	10	0	2	367	199	20
Bradford	12	10	0	2	333	248	20
Halifax	13	8	2	3	278	219	18
Castleford	13	8	1	4	333	169	17
St Helens	13	8	1	4	313	183	17
Widnes	13	7	0	6	231	252	14
Featherstone	13	6	1	6	272	314	13
Hull	13	5	2	6	195	214	12
Leeds	13	5	1	7	278	248	11
Salford	13	5	0	8	212	299	10
Sheffield	13	4	1	8	248	345	9
Oldham	13	4	0	9	254	240	8
Hull KR	13	4	0	9	206	365	8
Wakefield	13	3	0	10	162	294	6
Leigh	13	0	1	12	165	383	1

Second division
Batley 14 Barrow 6
Carlisle 26 Ryedale York 32
Doncaster 34 Rochdale 12
Highfield 16 Hunslet 30
Huddersfield 20 Bramley 6
Keighley 4 Workington 16
Swinton 6 Dewsbury 28
Whitehaven 16 London Crus 16

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Saturday: Askam 36, Orchard Park 20; Barrow Island 26, Moorends 13; Beverley 84, Cambridge Eagles 10; Blackbrook v London Colonials, postponed; Dewsbury Celtic 38, Fulham Travellers 15; Dudley Hill 8, Thatto Heath 22; East Leeds 25, Kells 12; Eastmoor 4, Irlam Hornets 12; Egremont 28, Ace 6; Greatland AR 0, Ellenborough 18; Hemel Hempstead 18, Hensingham 22; Heworth 24, Wigan St Judes 8; Leigh East 34, Farnworth 14; Leigh MW 15, Eureka 10; Lock Lane 13, Mysons 16; Mayfield 24, Hull Dockers 12; Milford 18, Cardiff Institute 8; Millom 18, Westgate Redoubt 10; Moldgreen 28, Skirlaugh 5, Oldham St Annes 32, Bison 8; Oulton 27, Queens 6; Rodhill 16, Norwest Co-Op Little 12: Saddleworth 13, Seaton 2; Shaw Cross 12, Fryston 6; Walney Central 11, Halton Simms Cross 0; West Hull 36, Ovenden 9; Wigan St Patricks 13, West Bow Hornets 6; Woolston 54, Upton and Frickley 12; York Acorn 32, Orrell St James 32. Blackpool 10, Park Amateurs 28. Yesterday: Chorley 30, Elland 2: Nottingham 8, Clayton 24.

SKIING

TIGNES, France: World Cup: Women: Downhill: 1 K Pace (Can) 1min 18.56sec; 2 K Seizinger (Ger) 1.18.70; 3 R Häusl (Ger) 1:18.77; 4 A Lödemel (Nor) 1:18.84: 5 M Turgeon (Can) 1:18.85; 6 W Zelenskaya (Russ) 1:18.89; 7 C Montillet (Fr) 1:17.03; equal 8 R Renoth (Ger), V Stallmaier (Austria) 1:17.09; 10 M Suchet (Fr) 1:17 14. Overall: 1 Pace 100pts: 2 Seizinger 80; 3 Häusl 60. Giant slalom: 1 D Compagnoni (It) 2:15.43; 2 A Wachter (Austria) 2:15.67: 3 P Wiberg (Swe) 2:16.45; 4 M Kjörstad (Nor) 2:17.34; 5 H Voelker (US) 2:17.50; 6 V Schneider (Switz) 2:17.53; 7 U Hrovat (Slovenia) 2:17.71: 8 U Maier (Austria) 2:17.73; 9 C Merle (Fr) 2:18.35: 10 H Zeller-Bähler (Switz) 2:18.41. Overall: 1 Wachter 360; 2 Maier 224; 3 Schneider 215. World Cup: 1 Wachter 440; 2 Schneider 322; 3 Maier 259; 4 Wiberg 230; 5 Compagnoni 195.

SPEED SKATING

HAMAR, Norway: Men: 500m: D Jansen (US), 35.92sec (world record); 5,000m: J-O Koss (Nor), 6min 35.53sec (world record).

SQUASH

ZURICH: PSA Super Series finals: Second round: Group one: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Norman (NZ) 15-12, 12-15, 15-10, 15-5; P Marshall (Eng) bt S Elopuro (Fin) 15-6, 15-5, 15-8. Group two: R Eyles (Aus) bt Jahangir Khan (Pak) 15-11, 13-15, 15-5, ret; B Martin (Aus) bt P Whitlock (Eng) 15-8, 12-15, 15-6, 15-9. Third round: Group A: Jansher Khan bt Marshall 15-11, 15-12, 13-15, 15-5.
NOTTINGHAM: Club La Santa British women's championships: Under-23: Semi-finals: C Jackman (Norfolk) bt L Charman (Sussex) 10-8, 9-4, 9-7: J Martin (Northumbria) bt R Macree (Essex) 9-4, 4-9, 9-7, 9-3. Under-16: Semi-finals: L McKenna (Scotland) bt S Griffiths (Essex) 9-4, 9-5, 6-9, 9-2; L Hamilton (Scotland) bt J Salvidge (Yorkshire) 9-7, 9-2, 9-4.

SWIMMING

PALMA, Majorca: World short-course championships: Saturday: Men: 100m freestyle: 1 F de Queiroz Scherer (Br) 48.38; 2 G Borges (Br) 48.42; 3 J Olsen (US) 48.49. 200m butterfly: 1 F Esposito (Fr) 1:55.42; 2 C Keller (Ger) 1:55.75; 3 C-C Bremer (Ger) 1:56.86. 200m breaststroke: 1 N Gillingham (GB) 2:07.91 (European record), 2 P. Rogers (Aus) 2:08.32; 3 E Wunderlich (US) 2:08.49. Women: 400m freestyle: 1 J Evans (US) 4:05.64, 2 T Jackson (US) 4:07.49; 3 J Maier (Aus) 4:07.91. 100m butterfly: 1 S O'Neill (Aus) 59.19; 2 Liu Limin (China) 59.24; 3 K Krueger (US) 59.53. 100m breaststroke: 1 Dai Guohong (China) 1:06 58 (world record): 2 L Frame (Aus) 1:07.65; 3 S Riley (Aus) 1:07.77 4x100m freestyle: 1 China, 3:35.97 (world record), 2 Sweden 3:39.41; 3 United States 3:40.40.
Yesterday: Men: 50m freestyle: 1 M Foster (GB) 21 84; 2 Hu Bin (China) 21.93; 3 R Abernethy (Aus) 21.97. 1,500m freestyle (final classification from three heats): 1 D Kowalski (Aus) 14:42.04; 2 J Hoffmann (Ger) 14:53.09; 3 P Albinski (Pol) 14:53.97; 4 G Smith (GB) 14:54.45. 100m backstroke: 1 T Schwenk (US) 52.98; 2 M Harris (GB) 53.93; 3 R Falcon (Cuba) 54.00. 200m individual medley: 1 C Keller (Ger) 1:56.80; 2 F Walker (GB) 1:58.35, 3 C Myden (Can) 1:59.27; 8 N Gillingham (GB) 2:02.14. 4x100m freestyle relay: 1 Brazil 3:12 11 (world record): 2 United States 3:12.68; 3 Russia 3:15.56; 7 Ireland 3:30.18. Women: 200m backstroke: 1 He Cihong (China) 2:06.09 (world record); 2 Jia Yuanyuan (China) 2:07.95; 3 C Rund (Ger) 2:09.59; 6 J Deakins (GB) 2:09.99; 8 K Osher (GB) 2:10.80. 200m individual medley: 1 A Wagner (US) 2:07.79 (world record); 2 Dai Guohong (China) 2:09.21; 3 E Overton (Aus) 2:10.51. 4x100m medley relay: 1 China 3:57.73 (world record); 2 Australia 4:00 17, 3 United States 4:01.30.

TENNIS

KUALA LUMPUR: Challenger tournament: Semi-finals: T Ho (US) bt L Rehmann (Ger) 6-4, 6-1; A Mronz (Ger) bt K Thorne (US) 7-5, 6-7, 7-6. Final: Mronz bt Ho 6-1, 6-0.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's first division: Ealing 3, Tooting 0; Liverpool 3, Whitfield 0; Wessex 1, Lewisham 3; Newcastle Staffs 3, Leeds 0

FOOTBALL

Late results on Friday
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Tranmere 2, Peterborough 1.
FA CUP: Second round: Port Vale 1, Huddersfield 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Bedworth 2, VS Rugby 5.
AFRICAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Final, second leg: National SC (Egypt) 1, Africa Sports (Ivory Coast) 0 (agg: 2-1).

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Chilcott plays part in happy last act

Harlequins.....12
Bath.....14

BY BRYAN STILES

HARLEQUINS failed to gatecrash Gareth Chilcott's farewell party on Saturday even though they were hammering loudly on the door for most of the afternoon.

Chilcott was delighted. He pulled some pantomime faces and struck a few poses to cheer his audience, but also made his customary weighty contribution to the Bath forward endeavour and ended up a winner again.

It was a fitting way in which to leave the rugby stage that he had thundered across so colourfully in the past ten years and head for a season in pantomime as the broker's man. He will return to Bath as a different kind of money man, exploiting commercial opportunities.

He has won most of the game's honours, playing for England 14 times and sharing in the silver-gathering Bath have enjoyed in cup and league during his eight years and 376 games for them.

Most prop forwards are squat and solid, but Chilcott also brought a roundness of figure that made him immediately recognisable in the close-quarter cut and thrust of forward exchanges.

Athleticism was not his forte, but he was a mighty scrummager and contributor in ruck and maul, and he will be missed. He was not often caught dashing around in open play on Saturday at The Stoop, but thought his moment of glory had come in the second half when he almost brought off an interception.

If it had come off it would have left him with an open but long run for the line, with few colleagues close at hand to lend support. He might not have been seen at his best. He did, however, revel in the ovation from the crowd when they were reminded that he was bowing out.

Stuart Barnes also deserved applause for his contribution to a victory by a try and three penalties to four penalties that keeps Bath two points clear of Leicester at the top of the Courage Clubs Championship table.

Despite a knee injury in the fifth minute, he tackled, kicked and distributed the ball with his usual skill. With Callard ill he was the prime kicker, collecting two penalty goals, with Catt adding another. Bath's other score was a try by Robinson from the back of a close-range scrum. Kent Bray contributed four penalties for Harlequins in a match that promised more than it delivered, mainly because of solid tackling.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Penalties: K Bray (4) Bath: Try: Robinson Penalties: Barnes (2), Catt.
HARLEQUINS: K Bray; D O'Leary, J Keyter, G Thompson, J Alexander; P Challinor, R Glenister; M Hobley, B Moore, A Mullins, T Coker, M Russell, T Coker, S Dear, M Pepper, C Sheasby. Pepper replaced by D Thresher, 30mn.
BATH: A Lumsden; R Stuart, P de Glanville, M Catt, M Lloyd; S Barnes, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Dawe, J Mallett, A Robinson, M Haag, N Redman, J Hall, B Clarke
Referee: S Piercy (Goole).



Tuigamala's great strength enabled him to break free of this tackle by Gibbs at the start of a bullocking run which brought the New Zealand wing a memorable try at Cardiff

Spirited All Blacks have the last word

Barbarians.....12
New Zealand XV.....25

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

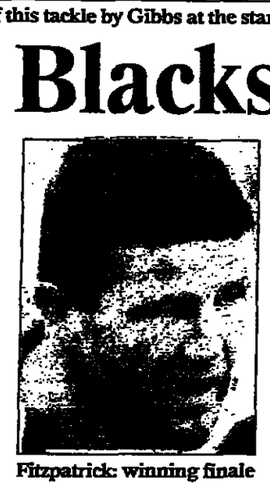
IN ONE respect it was just like the classic of 20 years ago, one side leading 17-0 and then gradually being reeled back by the valiant efforts of the other. Another time, another game. At Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, Sean Fitzpatrick's New Zealanders completed their tour by establishing so lengthy a lead that not even an inspired Barbarians could recover ground lost in the first quarter.

There was a revealing line in the programme article penned by Gareth Edwards, whose score in 1973 sparked that six-try riot. Edwards wrote of Ian Kirkpatrick, captain of the All Blacks that day: "They lost their ability to control the style of the game. There was little or no thrill for Kirkpatrick in leading a side who contributed so magnificently to one of the greatest games ever played. Why? Because his team didn't win and in New Zealand, winning is what matters most."

Nothing has changed. If there was a blot on Saturday's game, played without rancour, it was the cynical disregard by Sean Fitzpatrick's side for the laws. Within a seven-minute period the All Blacks offered Eric Elwood four penalty attempts at goal with a mixture of offside or ruck-maul offences, rugby's equivalent of the professional foul.

In passing, one could say of the lawmakers that the elevation of the try to five points last year has made the penalty worth conceding. But the scoreline in the Scottish Amicable match of two goals, a try and two penalty goals to four penalties does no justice to the ebb and flow of a game far better than anybody had a right to expect.

The strongest justification for the continuation of this fixture is the sight of players such as Tony Clement running with an uninhibited freedom which has not been apparent in his most recent international games. Every Welshman in the invitation XV made so significant a contribution that one wonders what happens when they appear in the red of Wales.



Fitzpatrick: winning finale

Similarly, the queue of individuals paying tribute to Neil Back, the Leicester flanker, stretched almost to the door of the Royal Hotel in the evening. Nick Popplewell, who made the captain's speech for the Barbarians in the absence of Scott Hastings, did so publicly.

Back's vision for the game and his all-round skills, are unique for an English back-row player. People continue to be baffled by the "uncapped" tag attached to his name. Yet the All Blacks, of course, exploited his height remorselessly by throwing to the back of the lineout where Zinzan Brooke helped to establish a domination which was at the root of their victory.

It was all the more frustrating for the Barbarians that, after flinging down so entertaining a gauntlet in the opening minutes, they conceded the possession from which the All Blacks built up their imposing lead. Lee Stensness introduced the tactical control so lacking at Twickenham and from his searching diagonal, Dowd scored the first try when the Baa-baas could not tidy up their own lineout ball.

Even greater was the irony that it should have followed Roumat's tap-down. The lanky Frenchman had a marvellous all-round game and his catching of Elwood's considered restarts was outstanding. But these were individuals playing against the All Blacks, whose watchword is "team". What is done, by fair means or foul, is for the collective and the Barbarians could not hope to match that.

They did their best. Even after Tuigamala scored his first tour try and Wilson continued kicking his goals, Elwood kept them in the game with four penalties from six attempts. But the inspirational try the Barbarians so badly needed would not come. Here it is right to remember the New Zealand defence and, in particular, John Timu. Little gets past, round or over him.

Nothing, though, passed the Barbarians in a third quarter of almost non-stop pressure on their try line which eventually cost them the services of the effervescent Armstrong with a damaged rib cartilage. For a scratch team their defence was heroic and exposed, too, the absence of a cutting edge in the New Zealand midfield.

With far less possession, the Baa-baas created more chances and if Walker's positional sense had been more acute in support of a punishing run by Gibbs, or the bounce of Elwood's diagonal fallen kinder for Hastings, then a converted try would have taken them to within a point. Instead, Jones rounded off the tour with his team's third try, and no player deserved it more. He has been a rock for New Zealand, which makes his temporary omission from their team last summer all the more puzzling.

SCORERS: Barbarians: Penalty goals: Elwood (4). New Zealanders: Tries: Dowd, Tuigamala, Jones. Conversions: Wilson (2). Penalty goals: Wilson (2)
BARBARIANS: A Clement (Swansea and Wales); A Stanger (Hawick and Scotland), S Hastings (Watsonians and Scotland, captain), S Gibbs (Swansea and Wales), N Walker (Cardiff and Wales); E Elwood (Lansdowne and Ireland), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest and Scotland); N Popplewell (Greystones and Ireland), T Kingston (Dolphin and Ireland), E McKenzie (PUC and Australia), R Wainwright (Edinburgh Academicals and Scotland), P Johns (Dungannon and Ireland), I Roumat (Dax and France), N Back (Leicester), S Quinnell (Llanelli and Wales), R Howley (Cardiff) replaced Armstrong (62 mins); C Scholtz (Western Province) replaced Gibbs (80).
NEW ZEALAND XV: J Timu (Otago); J Wilson (Otago), F Bunce (North Harbour), L Stensness (Auckland), V Tuigamala (Auckland); M Ellis (Otago), S Forster (Otago), C Dowd (Auckland), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O Brown (Auckland), B Larsen (North Harbour), I Jones (Northland), S Gordon (Waikato), Z Brooke (Auckland), A Pene (Otago), M Brewer (Canterbury) replaced Larsen (73).
Referee: P Robin (France)

Andrew ignores Olver's strident script

Northampton.....15
Wasps.....17

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

WHEN Northampton began life in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship in 1990, their recent league record of back-to-back defeats by Harlequins, Orrell and Gloucester would have been accepted as part of the learning curve of rugby among the elite.

Three years on, though, having inexplicably squandered a league title at Nottingham, lost a cup final in extra time and with a victory over Bath last season providing a base on which the club should be looking to develop, things are starting to turn sour at Franklin's Gardens. So much so that in his captain's column in the programme for the match on Saturday, John Olver took steps to try to restore confidence.

Explaining that Wayne Shelford and Barrie Corless — instrumental, of course, in Northampton's brisk rise to fame — must be regarded as men of the past, Olver berated reaction to results of late and said: "This is the time when everyone associated with the club should rally round and ask themselves 'What can we do to help the situation?', not occupy corners, blaming and pointing the finger at other people."

And for the best part of an hour, it almost paid off. Even without Bayfield and Rodber, the Northampton pack brushed aside Wasps in the loose, Dawson and Steele peppered the touchline with grub kicks to take play downfield and Hunter showed the assurance and presence that can surely not be overlooked for long when England come down from their All-Black cloud and face the five nations' championship in the new year. The crowd, too, was magnificent.

Against virtually any other side, Northampton would probably have done enough to secure victory and effectively turn the championship into a head-to-head between Bath and Leicester. Wasps, however, had not read the script. With the inspiration of a try by the pack seconds before half-time to close the gap on two penalty goals and a dropped goal by Steele, they worked their way patiently back into the game, wore down the Northampton forwards and claimed the spoils.

Andrew missed more place-kicks than he landed, which complicated things for Wasps, but with six minutes remaining he whacked over his third penalty goal, from the 10-metre line, and Northampton were left contemplating what might have been.

SCORERS: Northampton: Penalty goals: Steele (4) Dropped goal: Steele. Wasps: Try: Shortland. Penalty goals: Andrew (3). Dropped goal: Andrew.
NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; H Thomaycroft, M Pickles, J Fletcher, N Beal; J Steele, M Dawson; G Baldwin, J Olver, G Pearce, P Walton, G Webster, S Fosie, D Merlin, M Steffen Watson replaced by P Pask (71min).
WASPS: A Buzza; H Davies, F Clough, G Childs, P Hopley; R Andrew, S Bates, G Holmes, K Dunn, J Probyn, M Greenwood, R Kinsey, S Shortland, M White, D Ryan.
Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).

Barbarians' cavalier spirit must be preserved



Gerald Davies believes the unique appeal of rugby's most colourful club has a special place in the game

About this time of year, when the last touring match has been played and the Barbarians have had their traditional farewell fling with the visitors, the men who sit on committees and whose souls may have grown as unnecessarily grey as the suits they wear, scratch their heads to ponder what to do with the Barbarians' matches. It is becoming a perennial problem. It is also tedious. It is time they came clean, stopped debate and declared a faith in what is a unique sporting fixture.

Why, you may ask? What relevance is there in such a match upon which nothing of importance hangs? A rugby fixture must be relevant to the winning of league points or national prestige must be at stake. There must be league ladders to go up and down. Yet it is precisely because of all this paraphernalia that rugby unions needs the Barbarians more than ever. If leagues added colour and meaning to the friendlies upon which rugby once relied, the clogging of the season with more meaningful league fixtures and the promise of more is beginning to dull the senses.

This is where the Barbarians come in. All that is fast becoming restrictive in the club game can be eschewed by this cavalier club. It has the capability to add colour to the sameness that is dulling the club game and open eyes to the possibilities the game affords.

It was sad, as Ian McGeechan, the Barbarians coach, said after the match on Saturday, that there was a full programme of club rugby on the same day which thus restricted the selection for the Barbarian team. Furthermore, this could have been construed as an insult to New Zealand. Even sadder was that Scott Hastings, the Barbarians' captain, and three of his countrymen hastily returned to Edinburgh immediately after the game. And the reason? To attend a squad session.

Pressing Scotland to give leeway on the timings and asking permission for the captain to stay and speak at the dinner while promising to get them back to Murrayfield just half an hour later than the session began, and with the players' approval, the Barbarians were told that this would not be acceptable. The Barbarians' players, like everyone else, had to turn up on time. This was, whatever some obscure committee-man thought, a prestigious occasion for all the players. It is a unique honour. The emphatic demand was made with six weeks still to go before the five nations' championship.

What, I ask, do they find to do at all these practices? Rugby, it seems, is destined still to encourage curious attitudes. But Scotland are not alone in expressing such unbending views. Other countries are equally demanding.

It is to be hoped that such squad sessions encourage independence of thought. Because this, as McGeechan concluded, is what is fast disappearing from the British game. Players do not "think" any more. They play according to the plans. He was confirmed of this view when one of the players on Saturday was relieved to be advised to do as he wished; to make up his own mind and run. McGeechan was told that he, the player, could never do that at club level. He could only play according to the dictates of the coach. As it turned out, the player did as he pleased and had his finest game of the season.

At their best, the Barbarians retain the freshness of rugby. The public also wants them. Over the weekend, people came to Cardiff from all over these islands. There were several flights from Ireland. Supporters arrived from Scotland and the M4 had a stream of luxury coaches arriving westwards. Cardiff Arms Park was full to capacity and three national anthems were sung with dignity, with none of the surly whistling that often accompanies them. Only the Barbarians can achieve such unity.

That surely in itself can only be for the good. To remove the Barbarians from such scenes would be parting with a rich selection of rugby's silver. Saturday's was a fine game worthy of the occasion and was also fun, which, for goodness sake, is the reason, why sport should be played in the first place. The match may not have produced a repetition of what happened 20 years ago, but that is always going to be hard to find. But we can always live in hope.

Rees completes Llanelli's bad week

Newport.....22
Llanelli.....14

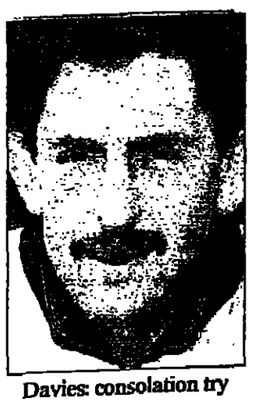
BY JOHN HOPKINS

MANY of the great and the good of Llanelli were at Rodney Parade to watch this match, which was moved to midday to accommodate those who wanted to see the Barbarians play the All Blacks a couple of hours later. Phil May was there, so was the injured Ieuan Evans, though he left at half-time, presumably to make his way to Cardiff.

What has happened to Llanelli? Earlier in the week they had lost to Bridgend at Stradey, a surprising result. Now, they were 17 points down at half-time. Is this the side that almost exactly a year ago defeated the Australians, the World Cup holders? You would not have thought so.

Newport were good value for their lead, too. Perhaps that was why Evans left. Perhaps he had seen as much as he could take. One sensed that there was a lot going on behind the impassive face of May as he watched Newport score two tries and a dropped goal well before half-time.

A year ago Colin Stephens masterminded Llanelli's victory over the Wallabies, kicking two dropped goals in a frantic four-minute spell at the end of the game. Now he and the club cannot see eye to eye. His place at stand-off was taken by Andrew Richards.



Davies: consolation try

Missing eight internationals, Llanelli, the league champions, looked anything but. Their scrum was weak, causing Phil Davies to move to the second row on occasions. Richards could not stamp any authority on the play.

To make matters worse for Llanelli, David Rees, the Newport full back, and Chris Wyatt, a lock, had games to remember. When was the last time you saw a second-row forward score two of his side's three tries? No wonder he was adjudged man of the match.

As for Rees, every time he touched the ball something happened. The conversions were easy enough but his dropped goal was something special. A clearance kick by Richards did not reach touch, held up by a strong, gusting wind. More in hope than anything else, Rees took a quick look at Llanelli's posts and went for it. He had his hand raised in triumph long before the ball wobbled over the bar.

It was Rees, too, who set up Wyatt's second try with a chip and chase out of defence and then a pass when he was stopped 20 yards from Llanelli's line.

If there were any saving graces for Llanelli, they were that in the final 20 minutes their forwards began to function as a unit and they worked Phil Davies over for a try that made the scoreline more presentable.

By then, though, the announcement had been made of the score at St Helen's — Swansea 95, Cross Keys 22. That begged a question: when was the last time a team losing by such a margin had scored 22 points? Trying to work out the answer was more interesting than anything taking place at Rodney Parade.

SCORERS: Newport: Tries: Wyatt (2), Lewis. Conversions: Rees (2). Dropped goal: Rees. Llanelli: Try: P Davies Penalty goals: A Richards (3).
NEWPORT: D Rees; M Puddy, D Hughes, M Yandle, A Lewis; J Lewis, D Llewellyn, A Dibble, A Peacock, J Alvis, A Carter, N James, C Wyatt, D Gray, R Goodey
LLANELLI: J Jones; W Jones, N Davies, S Davies, L Davies; A Richards, R Moon, R Evans, P Young, S John, P Pook, T Copsey, P Jones, L Jones, P Davies.
Referee: R Hope (Cefynydd).

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

Tour match
Barbarians 12 New Zealand 25
Barbarians: Pens: Elwood 4. New Zealand: Tries: Dowd, Tuigamala, Jones. Cons: Wilson 2. Pens: Wilson 2.
(at Cardiff Arms Park)

Courage Clubs Championship First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	8	7	0	1	204	88	14
Leicester	8	6	0	2	150	96	12
Wasps	7	4	1	2	135	125	9
Harlequins	8	4	0	4	139	101	8
Orrell	8	4	0	4	137	124	8
Bristol	8	4	0	4	131	126	8
Northampton	8	3	0	5	127	145	6
Gloucester	8	2	2	4	102	136	6
London Irish	7	3	0	4	79	115	6
Newcastle Gos	8	0	1	7	73	221	1

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Moseley	30	Otley					22

Moseley: Tries: Linnett, Moon, Raymond. Tesqua Cons: Hodgkinson 2. Pens: Hodgkinson 2. Otley: Tries: Atkinson, Peryt, Adrian Scott. Cons: Rutledge 2. Pen: Rutledge.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nottingham	9	Sale					30

Nottingham: Pens: Gregory 3. Sale: Tries: Diamond, Duthie, Kennick, Verbickas. Cons: Turner 2 Pens: Turner 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	6	Rugby					3

Saracens: Pens: Tunningley 2 Rugby: Drop goal: Mapletoft.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wakefield	47	Waterloo					6

Wakefield: Tries: Sleightholme 2, Croft, Green, Scully, Stewart. Cons: Lley 3, Jackson. Pens: Lley 3. Waterloo: Pens: Emmett, Swindells.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Hartlepool	21	London Scottish					19

West Hartlepool: Tries: P Evans, O Evans. Con: Stabler. Pens: Stabler 2. Drop goal: Stabler. London Scottish: Try: Wicnery Con: Wicnery. Pens: Wicnery 2 Drop goals: Millard, Troup.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Hartlepool	8	7	1	0	182	99	15
Sale	8	5	1	2	137	53	11
Saracens	8	5	1	2	87	113	11
Wakefield	8	3	3	2	163	103	9
Moseley	8	4	0	4	115	115	8
Otley	8	3	1	4	111	144	7
Waterloo	8	3	1	4	107	145	7
London Scottish	8	3	0	5	95	103	6
Rugby	8	2	1	5	78	128	5
Nottingham	8	0	1	7	86	151	1

Third division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bedford	25	Morley					10

Bedford: Tries: Subbiani, Turner Pens: Finnie 4. Drop goal: Finnie. Morley: Try: Clark. Con: Grayshon. Pen: Grayshon.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Exeter	16	Blackheath					3

Exeter: Try: Kelly. Con: Green. Pens: Green 3. Blackheath: Pen: Mycroft.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fylde	11	Havant					3

Fylde: Try: Hanavan Pens: Parker 2 Havant: Pen: Gummer.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Richmond	15	Coventry					22

Richmond: Tries: Donioh, Hornung. Con: Livesey. Pen: Livesey. Coventry: Tries: Chapman, Douglas, Gee. Cons: Angel 2. Pen: Angell.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rosslyn Park	30	Redruth					8

Rosslyn Park: Tries: Ashworth, Roblin, Roiser, Walshe Cons: Roblin 2 Pens: Roblin 2. Redruth: Try: C Whitworth. Pen: Stephens.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bedford	5	5	0	0	107	51	10
Coventry	6	5	0	1	133	92	10
Richmond	6	4	0	2	130	70	8
Fylde	6	4	0	2	92	69	8
Rosslyn Park	6	3	1	2	105	78	7
Exeter	6	3	1	2	92	99	7
Blackheath	5	2	0	3	61	68	4
Morley	6	1	0	5	83	119	2
Havant	6	1	0	5	65	121	2
Redruth	6	0	0	6	42	143	0

Fourth division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Askeans	11	Leeds					3
Liverpool St H	19	Aspatria					12
Plymouth	15	Harrogate					29
Sheffield	9	Clifton					18
Sudbury	20	Broughton Park					18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clifton	6	5	1	0	146	60	11
Harrogate	6	4	1	1	115	74	9
Liverpool St H	8	4	0	2	125	80	8
Askeans	6	3	0	3	94	154	6
Leeds	6	3	0	3	85	98	6
Plymouth	6	3	0	3	90	144	6
Sheffield	5	2	0	3	93	52	4
Broughton P	6	2	0	4	85	116	4
Sudbury	6	2	0	4	79	134	4
Aspatria	5	0	0	5	61	111	0

Fifth division north

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham Sol	16	Durham					11
Hereford	20	Walsall					10
Kendal	8	Rotherham					18
Nuneaton	9	Lichfield					3
Stoke-on-Trent	19	Preston G					3
Stourbridge	11	Brad & Bing					3

Fifth division south

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Basingstoke	12	London Welsh					9
Camborne	17	Berry Hill					16
High Wycombe	6	Lydney					6
North Walsham	15	Southend					9
Reading	25	Met Police					0
Weston-s-Mare	29	Maidstone					6

Heineken Welsh League First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberavon	23	Dunvant					12

Aberavon: Tries: Bebb, D Griffiths, Middleton. Con: Bebb. Pens: Bebb 2. Dunvant: Tries: Farnworth, Nibio Con: Thomas.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newport	22	Llanelli					14

Newport: Tries: Wyatt 2, Lewis. Cons: Rees 2. Drop goal: Rees. Llanelli: Try: P Davies Pens: Richards 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	95	Cross Keys					22

Swansea: Tries: I Jones 3, Barclay 2, I Davies 2, Lewis 2, Tilley 2, Evans, R Jones, Weatherley, Williams. Cons: Williams 6, Tilley 4. Cross Keys: Tries: Parfitt 2, Nicholls. Cons: Parfitt 2. Pen: Parfitt.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pontypool	14	Pontypridd					39

Pontypool: Tries: Penalty. Pens: Ring 3. Pontypridd: Tries: Morley 2. Cons: Cormack. Pen: Jenkins 9.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	33	Newbridge					3

Cardiff: Tries: Ford 2, Davies, Hall. Cons: Davies 2. Pens: Davies 3. Newbridge: Pen: Green.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	14	13	0	1	383	177	26
Neath	12	10	1	1	331	160	21
Cardiff	14	10	0	4	475	119	20
Llanelli	14	10	0	4	331	206	20
Pontypridd	13	9	1	3	318	195	19
Bridgend	12	6	1	5	247	210	13
Newport	14	6	1	7	215	306	13
Dunvant	13	4	0	9	159	282	8
Newbridge	12	3	1	8	163	234	7
Aberavon	13	3	1	9	157	273	7
Pontypool	14	2	0	12	182	524	4
Cross Keys	13	0	0	13	148	429	0

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Penarth	10	Narberth					14
South Wales Pol	37	Llandovery					19
Tenby Utd	22	Mountain Ash					14

Leading positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Treorchy	13	13	0	0	271	115	26
Aberdare	13	8	1	4	310	167	17
Maesteg	13	8	1	4	209	131	17
Tenby Utd	13	8	0	5	211	195	16
S Wales Police	12	7	0	5	206	196	14
Narberth	13	7	0	6	177	144	14
Ebbw Vale	13	5	2	6	188	163	12

McEwan's Scottish League Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bigger	24	Clarkston					13
Edinburgh W	13	Musselburgh					18

Representative matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glasgow Dist	22	Munster					17
Leinster	8	Edinburgh Dist					13
Scot North & Mid	19	Connacht					20
Ulster	44	South of Scotland					26

Club matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ayr	19	Heriot's FP					32
Boroughmuir	0	Glasgow HighK					10
Edin Acads	21	Watsonians					28
Gala	32	Dundee HSFP					21
Hawick	23	Currie					17
Jed-Forest	43	Stewart's Mel					5
Melrose	72	Glasgow Acads					5
Selkirk	15	Grangemouth					14
West of Scotland	19	Wigton					26

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England A break new ground

Andrew Longmore, in Johannesburg, reports on reaction in the township of Alexandra to the touring team's visit



Masemola shows the pace that earned him three England A wickets. Photograph: Shaun Botterill/Allsport

The images of a confusing day will linger long after the scores have been forgotten by those who witnessed the return of an official England touring team to South Africa after 29 years and the beginning of a new era in township cricket. So many hopes were invested in the occasion, the first visit by an international team to the townships, it was inevitable that the cricket would not match expectations.

The England A team were ring rusty, the artificial pitch played tricks, the outfield was spongy and slow. But the proximity of poverty and death, warded off from the Alexandra Oval by a seven-foot barbed wire fence, lent a sense of perspective to the statistics of the touring team's 43-run victory.

Less than 100 yards from where Geoff Toyana, one of five players selected from the development programme, led his Transvaal Invitation XI onto the field, a funeral cortège processed into a dusty graveyard, a reminder that there are only limited ways of breaking poverty's embrace.

For Toyana and Walter Masemola, the main exhibits of the development programme, cricket has already been an escape, a doorway to education and hope. But, in the midst of the peace flags, the exchanges of goodwill and the understandable pride of those who worked so hard to form a cricket ground out of a rubbish tip came a warning from the head of the local sporting community.

"This is not an achievement, it is a challenge," Vusi Thabete, head of the Alexandra Sports Congress, the main organising body for sport in the township, said. "There is no excuse for us any more. The facility is here and it is vital that, in ten years' time, it will be in the same, or even better, condition than we have found it today. We want other communities to be able to say: 'Look what they did in Alexandra' and follow our lead. That is my concern for the future."

The disappearance of three matting strips from the nets in recent weeks and the indifference of the local community to events on the hill on Saturday confirmed Thabete's fears. Viewed from the wrong side of the Jukskei creek, which divides the neat £10,000 bungalows of the township's middle class from the worst of the squalor, the marquees, the VIPs, the whole ritual must have been a strange distraction from the business of survival.

Though several hundred children, bare-footed and dressed in tattered T-shirts, made a timely appearance for lunch, few of their parents came to view the new community facility. "That is very disappointing," Thabete added.

Yet most negative thoughts were banished by an overwhelming belief in the power of sport to unify people and change attitudes. "Sport makes it easier for a country to change," Krish Mackerdhuj, president of the United Cricket Board (UCB), said. "This cricket ground is the practical application of that idea."

On the field, the A team played it just right, winning comfortably but not with embarrassing ease, and stepping gracefully aside to allow Toyana to take the man-of-the-match award for his 23, the top score in the Invitation XI's reply of 78, ahead of Dominic Cork's six wickets for nine runs. Every one of the left-handed Toyana's runs and each of Masemola's three wickets was greeted by prolonged applause. This was their day and nobody begrudged them the spotlight.

"There was more going on than just cricket out there," Hugh Morris, the England A captain, said. "We wanted to win, but the event was the most important thing and it was good to be part of such an historic occasion."

Of the development players, the most promising was Jacob Malao, a gangling left-arm spinner, who has a classical action and has already won a contract with the Transvaal B squad. He held England in check midway through the innings when Mal Loye was threatening to take control. The Northamptonshire batsman made the day's top score, 38, with two sixes, but once he had gone, England collapsed to 121 all out.

In the end, it mattered little. The Invitation XI followed suit and were soon beyond repair at 35 for six. What mattered most was the spirit of optimism which, if only temporarily, defied the desperate surroundings.

"This is only a small step," Ali Bacher, managing director of the UCB, said. "But it is so important for young people to see what can be done." As significant as the welcome given to the newest members of the cricket development programme, a team of white children from an Afrikaans school.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A XI

M N Lathwell b Masemola	9
*H Morris c Toyana b Jacobs	8
A Dale c Omar b Laing	0
A P Wells c Laing b White	29
M B Loye c Toyana b Masemola	38
†S J Rhodes c Nkutha b Ekstean	12
R D B Croft c Omar b Masemola	7
D G Cork b Ekstean	0
M P Bicknell not out	3
D Gough c Toyana b Ekstean	0
M C Ilott c Omar b Laing	6
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 4)	9
Total (43.2 overs)	121

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-18, 3-32, 4-57, 5-97, 6-107, 7-110, 8-110, 9-110.
BOWLING: Masemola 9-0-25-3; Laing 7.2-0-10-2; Jacobs 5-1-10-1; Malao 9-1-22-0; White 6-1-20-1; Ekstean 7-2-29-3.

TRANSVAAL INVITATION XI

Yachad Ibw b Bicknell	3
B White c Gough b Cork	5
M Rushmere run out	2
*G Toyana c Ilott b Cork	23
D Laing c Morris b Cork	3
J Nkutha c Loye b Cork	1
S Jacobs c Rhodes b Gough	3
C Ekstean c Rhodes b Cork	21
†A Omar run out	2
W Masemola not out	1
J Malao Ibw b Cork	0
Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 8, nb 4)	14
Total (38.3 overs)	78

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-8, 3-17, 4-23, 5-25, 6-32, 7-69, 8-75, 9-78.
BOWLING: Ilott 7-2-11-0; Bicknell 9-0-28-1; Cork 7.3-3-9-6; Gough 8-1-8-1; Dale 9-2-20-0.

Zimbabwe collapse but avoid follow-on

WAQAR Younis, the Pakistan captain, took four wickets in 15 balls without conceding a run to hasten the collapse of Zimbabwe's first innings on the fourth day of the first Test match in Karachi yesterday. But by then the fledgling Test-playing nation's batsmen had done enough to prevent being forced to follow on.

Facing Pakistan's huge first-innings score of 423 for eight declared, Zimbabwe were all out for 289 half an hour before tea. Pakistan were 111 for three in their second innings at the close, 245 ahead with one day remaining in the opening match of the three-Test series.

Younis, captaining the side in place of Wasim Ajramm, who was injured, brought about the collapse and ended with figures of seven for 91. Zimbabwe were well placed on 280 for five but then lost their last five wickets for nine runs.

Pakistan changed their batting order for the second innings in an effort to gain runs quickly. Aamir Sohail was run out for 29 and Javed Miandad fell in similar fashion for 12. Basit Ali was caught and bowled by Eddo Brandes for 13 and at the close Inzamam-ul-Haq, who opened the innings, was unbeaten on 47.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN: First Innings 423 for 8 dec (Shoaib Mohammed 81, Javed Miandad 70, Rashid Latif 68 not out, Aamer Sohail 63).

Second Innings

Aamer Sohail run out	29
Inzamam-ul-Haq not out	47
Basit Ali c and b Brandes	13
Javed Miandad run out	12
Asif Mujtaba not out	2
Extras (b 6, w 1, nb 1)	8
Total (3 wkts)	111

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-76, 3-108.
BOWLING: Brandes 12-0-51-1; Renne 3-0-24-0; Streak 8-1-30-0

ZIMBABWE: First Innings

G W Flower b Waqar	24
M H Dekker Ibw b Waqar	5
A D R Campbell Ibw b Mushtaq	53
D L Houghton Ibw b Waqar	46
*†A Flower Ibw b Ata-ur	63
G J Whittal run out	33
G Bruk-Jackson b Waqar	31
S G Peall c Aamer b Waqar	0
D H Streak b Waqar	0
E A Brandes not out	0
J A Rennie Ibw b Waqar	3
Extras (b 5, lb 24, w 1, nb 1)	31
Total	289

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-71, 3-132, 4-153, 5-230, 6-280, 7-284, 8-284, 9-285
BOWLING: Waqar 34 1-3-91-7, Ata-ur-Rehman 15-5-25-1; Mushtaq 39-11-89-1; Tauseef 23-7-49-0; Shoaib 1-0-1-0; Aamer 1-0-1-0; Asif 3-2-1-0.

Border's century celebrates his 150th Test match

FROM PETER ROEBUCK IN BRISBANE

AUSTRALIA have taken charge of the third Test match here, and have done so with characteristic ruthlessness. Although New Zealand did not break yesterday, although they bowled with heart, they could do no more than hold the rate of scoring, 93, 96 and 103 runs being made in successive sessions as Australia reached 533 for six, a lead of exactly 300 after three days.

Mostly it was a day dedicated to the collection of cruel statistics. Border scoring his 27th Test hundred, in his 150th Test match, in 262 minutes and Steve Waugh hitting 113 not out in 316 minutes.

It was not, in truth, a pretty sight, rather a day of punishing and pragmatic cricket as Australia built on the advantage gained for them by the century partnership between Boon and Mark Waugh on Saturday.

Border's innings was the pick of the bunch, a faultless exposition of footwork and judgment, defensive shots mixing with occasional hooks and pulls as bowlers pitched short, Cairns thinking he had detected a weakness in Border's back-foot game.

Lots of cover drives were also threaded through the field and Patel was especially to Border's taste, though he is not alone in that. The Australian captain was crisp and correct and reached his hundred with a typically undemonstrative guide through gully.

Nothing in his cricket hitherto had raised an eyebrow. Now, something odd happened. Border raising his arms to acknowledge a broad ovation from a crowd in an upright position, a rare display of euphoria. Then he had a slog, clouting de Groen back over his head and, moments later, into Patel's hands at long-on.

It was as if an accountant had burnt his briefcase and taken to the boards. Or perhaps it was a farewell gesture.

Steve Waugh's innings was played at a slower tempo. Finding his position again under threat, Waugh has adopted a more conservative approach than is usual, or indeed appropriate, in a batsman occupying his position.

He made only one mistake, Blain missing an awkward stumping off Patel when he was on 44. Otherwise, Waugh was in comfortable occupation, if not command, reaching his sixth Test hundred and becoming only the second Australian to have scored 3,000 runs and taken 50 wickets in Test cricket. Bob Simpson, his coach, is his solitary companion.

Earlier Boon had fallen for 82 to a demanding outswinger from Doull, while Healy was the other batsman to lose his wicket, the third umpire ruling him out after de Groen, following through, had thrown down the stumps as the wicketkeeper took a risky single.□ According to a local newspaper report, Craig McDermott, the Australian fast bowler, is to sue a Brisbane surgeon for negligence relating to the illness that forced him to cut short his tour of England last summer. McDermott had an emergency operation during the Lord's Test.

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

B A Pocock c Healy b McDermott	0
B A Young c Healy b M E Waugh	38
A H Jones b Warne	58
*K R Rutherford c Boon b McDermott	36
M J Greatbatch c Healy b McDermott	35
D N Patel c Boon b May	1
C L Cairns c and b Warne	5
†T E Blain not out	42
D K Morrison c Healy b Warne	0
S B Doull c Healy b McDermott	10
R P De Groen c Border b Warne	3
Extras (b 2, lb 3, nb 2)	7
Total	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-96, 3-98, 4-167, 5-170, 6-174, 7-174, 8-178, 9-193.
BOWLING: McDermott 23-11-39-4; McGrath 20-7-45-0; S R Waugh 3-0-13-0; M E Waugh 10-4-14-1, May 21-7-51-1; Warne 28.3-12-66-4.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

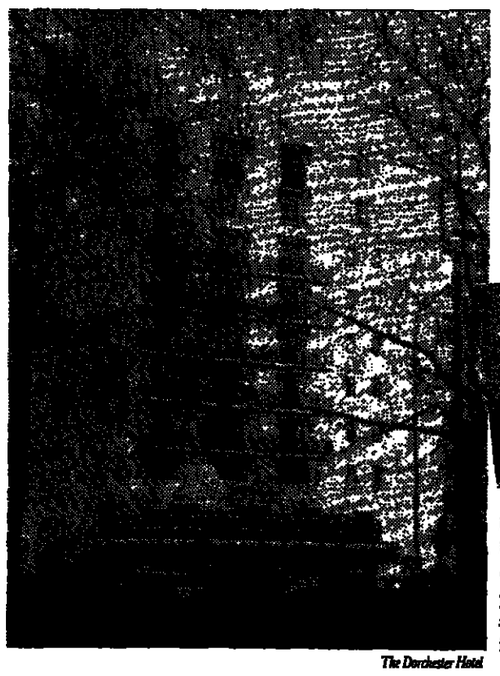
M J Slater c Blain b Patel	28
M A Taylor c Pocock b Doull	53
D C Boon c Blain b Doull	89
M E Waugh c Greatbatch b Cairns	98
*A R Border c Patel b De Groen	105
S R Waugh not out	113
†I A Healy run out	15
S K Warne not out	37
Extras (b 6, lb 11, nb 6)	25
Total (6 wkts)	533

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-102, 3-227, 4-277, 5-436, 6-465.
BOWLING: Morrison 28-2-79-0; Cairns 33-7-117-1; Doull 33-5-105-2; De Groen 39-14-84-1; Patel 33-4-125-1; Jones 2-0-6-0.

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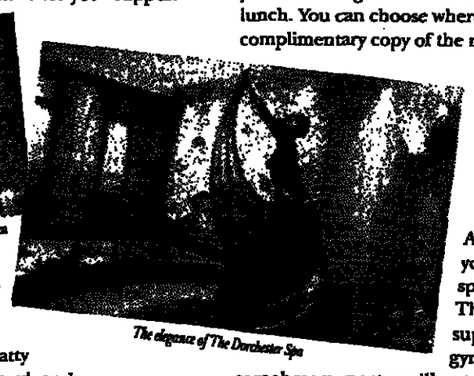
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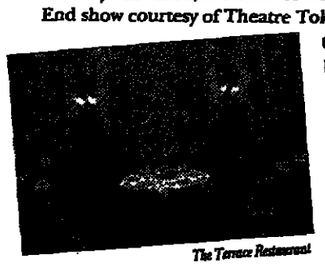
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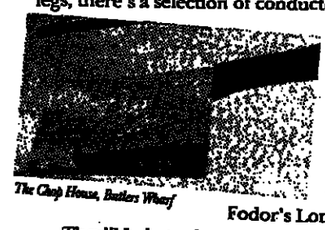
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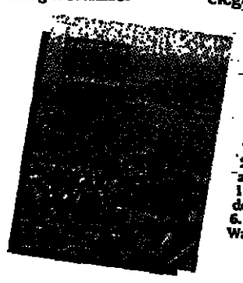
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King George weakened as principals disappoint

By Julian Muscat

NATIONAL Hunt's mid-season showpiece, the King George VI Chase, has been robbed of its championship credentials following the disappointing efforts on Saturday of Jodami and Cab On Target at Chepstow and Sandown respectively. Jodami is unlikely to line up at Kempton on December 27, while Cab On Target is definitely out of the race.

Jodami, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, spent Saturday night at Chepstow racecourse stables after his lacklustre third in the Rehearsal Chase, won by Party Politics. A routine dope test was ordered by the stewards.

A post-race endescopic examination revealed Jodami had not suffered from internal bleeding, prompting his trainer, Peter Beaumont, to conclude the eight-year-old had probably contracted an infection in the days before the race.

"These infections can come on pretty quick, although we blood-tested the horse on Thursday and all seemed well," he said yesterday. The results of further blood tests will not be known until later this week.

"We don't have much time before the King George, which is only three weeks away," Beaumont conceded. "It is a relief he didn't break a blood vessel but the Kempton race might still come a bit quick."

Jodami crashed through the third-last at Chepstow in an effort that bore all the hallmarks of an ailing horse. "You could see he was not himself," Beaumont added after driving Jodami back to Yorkshire in his horsebox.

"That mistake alone didn't stop him winning, he made it because he just wasn't right. I would imagine it might be a virus, there is certainly a lot of it about."

Sporting Index, the London-based bookmaker, has withdrawn Jodami from its King George list. Barton Bank is now favourite at 2-1, followed by 11-4 The Fellow, 5-1 Bradbury Star, 8-1 Black Humour, 12-1 Zeta's Lad and Young Hustler, 16-1 others.

Barton Bank ran out a 20-length winner of the Ewell Chase at Sandown after Cab On Target's jumping had fallen to pieces. The latter's trainer, Mary Reveley, suspected the worst when she asked the racecourse vet to examine Cab On Target before the race. "The horse was a bit quiet, and even though he was fine clinically I had a gut feeling he wasn't 100 per cent," Reveley said.

Her stable star was not in obvious discomfort yesterday although Reveley suspects he could have injured his back. Cab On Target will be thoroughly tested before a programme is mapped out for him, but he will *not be entered* for the Gold Cup in March.

Barton Bank's trainer, David Nicholson, yesterday confirmed the King George as the seven-year-old's immediate target. He said: "After that he will have one more run before the Gold Cup. We've got to be careful with him as he doesn't stand much racing."

Baydon Star completed a Nicholson double at the Esher track with an impressive display in the Henry VIII Novices' Chase to remain unbeaten in four starts over fences.

Baydon Star now heads to Ascot on Saturday week when the step up to two miles and three furlongs should see him in an even better light.

Nicholson was delighted with Waterloo Boy's third place in the Tingle Creek Chase behind Sybillin and Deep Sensation. The horse returned home without a hint of the fibrillating heart condition that surfaced on his seasonal debut at Exeter. Waterloo Boy is now poised to renew rivalry with the first two in the Castleford Chase at Wetherby on December 28.

Meanwhile, Josh Gifford has decided to miss Saturday's Tripleprint Gold Cup at Cheltenham with Bradbury Star and head straight for the King George. "After what happened to Jodami and Cab On Target on Saturday we must take our chance at Kempton," Gifford said yesterday. "It's only Barton Bank that we've got to beat."

☐ Although Mary Reveley was out of luck with her three Sandown runners she completed a double at Wetherby on Saturday with Majed and Mr Boston, taking her score for the season to 50. Better Times Ahead, trained by Gordon Richards, was pulled up behind Mr Boston after breaking down and is likely to be out for a year.

ED BYRNE



Party Politics puts in an impressive leap on his way to victory at Chepstow

TRAINERS	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stake
Mrs M Reveley	50	38	25	1	+13.85
K Bailey	38	26	19	5	-6.36
J White	32	19	16	15	-23.37
P Hobbs	30	13	20	3	+127.05
N Twiston-Davies	28	17	15	1	-18.85
M Pipe	26	35	18	3	-28.85
D Sherwood	23	15	12	8	+14.24
D Nicholson	23	28	13	1	+4.99
J Johnson	19	6	6	16	+86.33
G Richards	17	17	13	1	-27.77
S Dow	15	12	7	1	+56.95
C Brooks	14	2	6	3	+9.02

JOCKEYS	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stake
A Maguire	87	56	34	3	+80.58
R Dunwoody	55	62	46	3	-64.67
P Niven	46	35	26	1	-14.39
N Williamson	44	40	24	2	-16.21
J Osborne	42	31	26	15	-15.54
G McCourt	33	22	22	2	-11.70
M A Fitzgerald	27	20	28	11	-30.67
G Bradley	21	10	10	16	+8.87
D Murphy	21	23	12	8	-20.16
M Hourigan	19	8	14	1	+17.24
L Wyer	19	12	18	1	+22.14
D Bridgwater	19	13	16	0	-38.43

Good example needed at start

There is no doubt that jump racing's starting procedures have become the *bete noir* of the sport. There was the latest instalment in what has become a long-running series at Uttoxeter on Thursday when, for the first time, three jockeys were each fined £110. And rightly so.

As in other recent instances of unsatisfactory starts, the jockeys were trying to anticipate the fall of the starting tape. They were looking for a "flyer" in trying to steal a length or two from the rest of the field. Yet the trio of Richard Dunwoody, Adrian Maguire and Peter Niven comprises the three most successful jockeys riding today. Given that our younger riders follow their every move, Dunwoody, Maguire and Niven should each consider the bad example they are setting in this respect.

Some good may yet emerge from the Uttoxeter shambles. Many jockeys insist that a slow start seriously compromises a winning chance. That this argument has a hollow ring, however, was clearly illustrated at Uttoxeter. The victor, Nevada Gold, was among those left by upwards of 20 lengths at the start.

It has become the vogue to anticipate the start. This was seen to good effect in the televised Jack Brown Bookmaker Handicap Chase at Chepstow on Saturday. As the jockeys advanced on the starting tape with a collective look of menacing intent, Peter O'Sullevan, the respected BBC commentator, perfectly captured the moment when he said: "You'd think it was a five-furlong sprint rather than 3¼ miles over 22 fences."

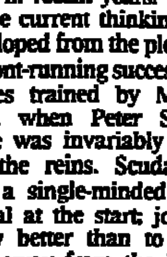
The process of starting National Hunt races has worked well for years. The procedure has not changed, so the fact that it has recently brought racing into disrepute with the public is surely indicative of a shift in attitude among the jockeys asked to engage it.

What has happened is that jockeys have taken an entirely different view of the start in recent years. Much of the current thinking has developed from the plethora of front-running successes of horses trained by Martin Pipe, when Peter Scudamore was invariably holding the reins. Scudamore was a single-minded individual at the start; jockeys knew better than to prise him away from the inside rail he favoured.

Scudamore could afford to make such territorial claims because he was regarded by colleagues as the senior professional of the weighing room. How ironic it is, therefore, that Scudamore announced his retirement in April just when the weighing room needed him most. His strong sense of justice would have demanded from the Jockey Club and its starters a verbal understanding of what was acceptable — and what was not — from the jockeys' point of view. Only recently, Maguire lamented that none of his colleagues had properly filled the vacancy of weighing room spokesman created by Scudamore's retirement.

Meanwhile, the starting of races has become an emotive issue. The Jockey Club is loathe to assert itself for fear of being accused of reverting to its old spots, but what is needed is a statement of simplicity. The situation calls for more decisive action from starters and more restraint from the jockeys.

JULIAN MUSCAT



Racing commentary

Cannock lose unbeaten record to Havant

By Sydney Friskin

HAVANT took their chances well but were flattered by a 4-1 home win yesterday over Cannock to keep their hopes alive in the Pizza Express national hockey league.

For Cannock, who lost their unbeaten record, it was an extraordinary result after forcing 11 short corners and conceding only two. Having dominated the early play they were shaken by two quick goals at the other end.

A centre from the right by Williams enabled Avery to score before, four minutes later, Giles converted Havant's first short corner with a push instead of a hit. Cannock were rewarded in the fiftieth minute when Sharpe converted their tenth short corner and though they held Havant under pressure after that, a terrible mix-up in Cannock's defence helped Giles to score in an empty goal in the 54th minute. Two minutes before the end, Cunliffe completed the scoring.

Hounslow and Southgate tumbled to their first defeats to leave the first division wide open. East Grinstead beat Hounslow 3-2 with two goals by Gibson, the second from a penalty stroke. Barnes also converting a penalty stroke for the third goal. Crutchley and Rees scored for Hounslow, who had taken the lead in the third minute.

Stourport defeated Southgate 3-1 with two goals by Harradine and one by Knott to take a 3-0 lead by half-time. Waugh converted a short corner for Southgate in the 65th minute. Old Loughtonians scored twice without reply against Bournville with goals in each half by Philpot and Krishman.

Teddington's hopes were also revived with a 3-0 win over Welton at Birmingham University where McGuire from a short corner, Nicklin and Hauk were the scorers.

Surbiton, as expected, stayed on top of the second division by beating Harleston Magpies 3-1. Notton, twice, and Molloy, from a short corner, scored for Surbiton.

Giants rise above Gordon's absence

MANCHESTER Giants made light of the absence of their biggest man to maintain a two-point lead at the top of the Budweiser basketball league with one of their easiest victories of the season (Nicholas Harling writes).

Giants, missing Trevor Gordon through suspension, built a 17-3 lead in the first quarter, after which the issue was never in doubt; Giants won 121-80. Joe Hillman collected 32 points and only Gene Waldron's 29 for Leicester prevented the home team from enduring a more depressing defeat.

Worthing Bears, who have conceded the league leadership to Manchester only because they have played one game fewer, gained a comfortable home victory, 97-74 over Sunderland, while Thames Valley Tigers beat Doncaster 116-75, with 20 points from Tony Holley.

Two of the teams falling rapidly out of contention for the title met at the Sobell Centre where Guildford Kings overcame London Towers 98-83. England's European championship representatives led 65-44, but all their self-doubts reappeared. London whittled their arrears down to two points at 76-74 with the help of three-pointers in quick succession from Joel Moore, who looked good for more when he fell over Lorenzo Duncan and broke his right wrist.

The signing of a new American, Kim Brooks, brought an end to Oldham's all-English policy. The 6ft point guard from Chattanooga responded with 31 points in his first game, two fewer than Steve Merrifield, but Derby ran out 104-93 winners.

LUDLOW

THUNDERER

12.30 Akimbo. 1.00 Sandaig. 1.30 Tinas Lad. 2.00 Harpley. 2.30 Star Of The Glen. 3.00 **EALING COURT** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 **NIRVANA PRINCE**.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

12.30 WISTANSTOW NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m) (15 runners)

101 406-P03 ABELONI 6 (J Hardman) S Coathup 4-11-0 — R Greene 93
102 002/P4P- AKIMBO 238 (A Price) William Price 6-11-0 — A Maguire 91
103 5PPP0-0 ATHASSEL ABBEY 69 (R Lee) R Lee 7-11-0 — —
104 003-350 CAOIMSEACH 115 (G) (M Cornish) G Ham 5-11-0 — B Powell —
105 5P-0P CASHTAL RUNNER 6 (Miss J Tyler) S Coathup 4-11-0 — Pat Caldwell 80
106 CLEAR LIGHT 35F (Mrs B Key) C Smith 6-11-0 — Mr T Stephenson —
107 3/000PP FAIR BABE 26 (M Giles) J O'Shea 7-11-0 — Mr N Bradley (7) 76
108 5P ICE MAGIC 44 (F Yardley) F Yardley 6-11-0 — D Gallagher 93
109 P/0 ROYAL ACCLAIM 18 (J Bradley) J Bradley 8-11-0 — R Farrant (3) —
110 3/02PP- SILK DYNASTY 13F (J Carden) R Hollinshead 7-11-0 — S Wynne (3) [illegible]
111 FFPP-06 SOLO CORNET 9 (G,S) (P Bradley) P Bradley 8-11-0 — W Humphreys 96
112 000-003 WEST MONKTON 24 (Mrs B Hobbs) C Nash 7-11-0 — R Dunwoody 80
113 0000 HULLO MARY DOLL 25 (E Dalby) S Mellor 4-10-9 — Chris Webb (7) 82
114 0 PRECISION RACER 100 (Mrs M Webb) D McCain 5-10-9 — C Llewellyn —
115 P28U46- TEA-LADY 285 (E Bocley) Mrs A King 5-10-9 — S McNeill 94

BETTING: 3-1 Caoimseach, 11-2 Royal Acclaim, 6-1 Akimbo, Silk Dynasty, 7-1 Ice Magic, Tea-Lady, 10-1 Abeloni, 12-1 Solo Cornet, Hullo Mary Doll, 14-1 Clear Light, Fair Babe, West Monkton, 33-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

ABELONI 8l 3rd of 9 to Port In A Storm in a conditional jockeys' selling hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft), with CASHTAL RUNNER pulled up. AKIMBO's best recent effort came when ¾l 2nd of 9 to Madral in a novice hurdle at Hereford (2m, firm). CAOIMSEACH 2¼l 3rd of 11 to The Man From Cooks in a handicap hurdle at Roscommon (2m, yielding). SILK DYNASTY's best recent effort came when 2l 2nd of 11 to Dara Melody in a handicap hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m, standard). SOLO CORNET 11l 5th of 16 to Gotta Be Joking in a handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m, good). WEST MONKTON 18l 3rd of 7 to Tax The Devil in a claiming hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, good).
Selection: ABELONI

1.00 TEMESIDE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,762: 3m) (9 runners)

201 22122-3 MASTER JOLSON 16 (G) (Mrs E Roberts) D Nicholson 5-11-10 — A Maguire —
202 2-211F2 SANDAIG 12 (B,D,BF,G) (Miss S Wills) K Bailey 7-11-10 — N Williamson [illegible]
203 4005-00 PANT LLIN 18 (C,F) (D Martin) F Jordan 7-10-12 — R Supple 88
204 44-4060 SILVER AGE 7 (G) (Mrs S Bird) J Bradley 7-10-11 — R Farrant (3) —
205 3215-FP DEBT OF HONOR 32 (G) (B Neale) R Lee 5-10-6 — R Greene —
206 00P5/0P ARBEE TWENTY 3 (R Brooks) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-2 — I Lawrence —
207 100F-0P COOMBESBURY LANE 32 (B,C,F,G) (N McGibigan) P Jones 7-10-2 — W Marston —
208 00/00-0P NEW PROBLEM 20 (Mrs R Manning) R Manning 6-10-2 — A Flannigan (7) —
209 586P/PP PHILIPINTOWN LAD 19 (F Bader) T Donnelly 10-10-2 — T Eley (5) —

BETTING: 11-8 Sandaig, 85-40 Master Jolson, 15-2 Pant Llin, 17-2 Debt Of Honour, 12-1 Silver Age, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

MASTER JOLSON tailed off last of 3 to Martomick in a novice chase at Liverpool (3m 1f, good). Previously, 4l 2nd of 22 to Chief Celt in a novice hurdle at Worcester (3m, good). SANDAIG ½l 2nd of 7 to Touching Star in a handicap chase at Windsor (3m, good). PANT LLIN 19½l 7th of 15 to Kelly's Darling in a selling hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to firm). SILVER AGE 21l 8th of 18 to Kadi in a handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, good). PHILIPINTOWN LAD's best effort came when 16½l 6th of 10 to The City Minstrel in a handicap chase over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: SANDAIG

1.30 HUGH SUMNER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,095: 2m) (7 runners)

301 1P12P-3 SHU FLY 9 (D,F,G) (Severn First Partnership) C Broad 9-12-0 — Jacqui Oliver 90
302 1124-42 CHAIN SHOT 18 (CD,F,G) (H McEwen) J Peacock 8-10-12 — A Maguire 93
303 2315P1 TINAS LAD 18 (CD,F,G,S) (G Johnson) J Edwards 10-10-12 — N Williamson 92
304 121435 CLEVER FOLLY 28 (CD,F,G,S) (N Mason (Farms) Ltd) G Richards 13-10-6 — N Doughty [illegible]
305 514434 RUPPLES 31 (F,G) (C Hague) M Chapman 6-10-0 — W Worthington 92
306 3124-22 BOSSBURG 19 (D,BF,S) (Mrs K Lloyd) D McCain 6-10-0 — D Gallagher 94
307 43-F31F MARKET LEADER 18 (CD,F,G) (E Fiello) R Lee 13-10-0 — L Harvey 89

Long handicap: Rupples 9-6, Bossburg 9-4, Market Leader 9-3.

BETTING: 6-4 Shu Fly, 3-1 Chain Shot, 7-2 Tinas Lad, 4-1 Clever Folly, 14-1 Rupples, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SHU FLY 11½l 3rd of 5 to Arabian Bold in a conditions hurdle at Warwick (2m, good). Previously, beat 2nd of 7 to Valiant Boy in the grade II Sanderman Maghull Novices' Chase at Liverpool (2m, good to firm). TINAS LAD beat CHAIN SHOT (4lb better off) 1½l in an 8-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good to firm). CLEVER FOLLY 23l 5th of 6 to Island Jetsetter in a handicap chase at Carlisle (2m, good to firm). RUPPLES tailed off 4th of 8 to Just Frankie in a handicap chase at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good). BOSSBURG 20l 2nd of 3 to Barkisland in a handicap chase at Southwell (2m, good to soft). MARKET LEADER beat Socks Downe ¾l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Hereford (2m 3f, good to firm).
Selection: CHAIN SHOT

2.00 CULMINGTON CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,987: 2m 5f 110yd) (16 runners)

401 511021 CELCIUS 25 (B,F,G,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 9-11-11 — R Dunwoody 91
402 0-00403 WAR BEAT 5 (D,F) (I Baugh) B Baugh 5-11-7 — G Robertson (7) 69
403 304P-3P AUTONOMOUS 10 (D,BF,F) (Mrs M Gibbs) K Bridgwater 8-11-3 — W Humphreys 88
404 2/F80/6 THE LOVING MARTIAL 10 (Mrs M Oliver) G Jones 9-11-3 — J Railton —
405 0P-64P0 PEAK DISTRICT 44 (G,S) (B Neale) R Lee 7-10-13 — A Maguire 75
406 P46-000 BRORA ROSE 7 (S) (D Hooper) P Rodford 5-10-12 — I Shoemark 88
407 000 COME ON LUCY 7 (S Eaton) M Eckley 4-10-12 — A Thornton (3) —
408 40-1125 ITS ALL OVER NOW 28 (V,F) (Moor Farm Racing) Mrs A King 9-10-11 — S McNeill 83
409 00P/00P- CATHS FOLLY 238 (E Pennington) J Peacock 6-10-10 — R Bellamy —
410 0401/P CADFORD GIRL 7 (D,F,S) (P Coombes) W G M Turner 9-10-8 — P Holley —
411 08053/0 MISTRESS ROSS 19 (D,F,G) (Dr J Van Tilborg) G Thorner 10-10-8 — D Bridgwater —
412 2412/42- HARPLEY 376 (B,G,S) (B Hine) R Jukes 6-10-7 — V Slattery 96
413 P46/2-P0 FRENDLY FELLOW 7 (B,C,D,F,G) (Mrs J Hesham) F Jordan 9-10-5 — R Supple [illegible]
414 232435 NAJEB 18 (V) (J Carr) P Evans 4-10-5 — N Williamson 88
415 6010/56 RUSTY MUSIC 18 (F) (S Brown) R Brown 7-10-5 — M Hourigan 78
416 34-4340 RUTHS PRIDE 25 (G) (G Price) G Price 8-10-0 — R Davis (3) 93

BETTING: 7-2 Celcius, 6-1 Ruths Pride, 7-1 Its All Over Now, 8-1 Najeb, Rusty Music, 10-1 Frendly Fellow, Harpley, 16-1 Brora Rose, Peak District, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CELCIUS beat Lord's Final 8l in a 12-runner amateurs' handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f 110yd, good to firm). WAR BEAT 21¼l 3rd of 20 to Stage Fell in a selling handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m 3f, good). PEAK DISTRICT's best recent effort came when 13l 4th of 11 to Northern Village in a handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 6f 110yd, good to firm). ITS ALL OVER NOW 1¼l 2nd of 7 to Emerald Moon in a selling handicap hurdle at Devon on penultimate start (2m 1f 110yd, firm). NAJEB 11l 5th of 15 to Kelly's Darling in a selling hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to firm). RUTHS PRIDE 6l 4th of 8 to Ruling Dynasty in a selling hurdle at Bangor on penultimate start (2m 1f, good).
Selection: CELCIUS

2.30 STOKESAY NOVICES CHASE (£2,515: 2m) (8 runners)

501 PSP43U- BALLY PARSON 223 (G Hutsby) J Chugg 7-11-0 — N Williamson 74
502 00660-0 FIDDLER'S DRUM 6 (D Harrison) G Richards 6-11-0 — N Doughty —
503 0110-33 GOOD FOR A LOAN 18 (D,F,G) (Racing Investments) R Lee 6-11-0 — L Harvey 72
504 80/F00U- HIDDEN PLEASURE 288 (C Bird III) S Christian 7-11-0 — G Upton 72
505 05UP06- JAY JAY'S VOYAGE 201 (Miss J Scrivens) Miss J Scrivens 10-11-0 — Mr B Pollock (7) —
506 UP0U JHAL FREZI 11 (Mrs R Healey) A Barrow 5-11-0 — A Thornton (3) —
507 50-6F43 ON CUE 16 (Mrs K Sargeant) M Chapman 6-11-0 — W Worthington 50
508 SP-523F STAR OF THE GLEN 18 (CD,BF,F,G,S) D Nicholson 7-11-0 — A Maguire [illegible]

BETTING: 4-6 Star Of The Glen, 5-1 Good For A Loan, 13-2 Hidden Pleasure, 8-1 Bally Parson, 12-1 Fiddler's Drum, 16-1 On Cue, 33-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BALLY PARSON 16½l last of 3 to Valiant Boy in a novice chase at Bangor on penultimate start (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft). FIDDLERS DRUM 54l 17th of 19 to Marchwood in a novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good to soft). GOOD FOR A LOAN 15l 3rd of 9 to Hearts Are Wild in a novice chase here (2m 4f, good to firm). ON CUE 33l 3rd of 5 to Mr Woodcock in a novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, soft). STAR OF THE GLEN 3¾l 3rd of 6 to Egypt Mill Prince in a handicap chase at Stratford (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: STAR OF THE GLEN (nap)

3.00 BIRCHER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 5f 110yd) (14 runners)

601 13-11 NIRVANA PRINCE 18 (CD,F) (D Portman) B Preece 4-11-6 — T Wall [illegible]
602 30P4-60 ALIAS SILVER 11 (Mrs C Allen) J Allen 6-11-0 — Mr N Bradley (7) 75
603 0/08 CURRAGH PETER 32 (R Lee) R Lee 6-11-0 — R Greene —
604 164-622 EALING COURT 23 (G) (R Brookhouse) C Broad 4-11-0 — V Slattery —
605 0/043P-3 FIRST COMMAND 19 (Mrs D Pridden) T Forster 6-11-0 — D Bridgwater 85
606 020-U MERLIN ROCKET 11 (R Callow) R Callow 5-11-0 — C Maude —
607 0- RIVERSIDE MOSS 236 (P Wegmann) A Forbes 5-11-0 — T Eley (5) —
608 6/0604- STORMY SWAN 279 (R Mathew) R Mathew 7-11-0 — W Humphreys 59
609 TIME WON'T WAIT (Old Betts Partnership) R Phillips 4-11-0 — J Railton —
610 30-2423 URBAN COWBOY 23 (Mrs J Humphreys) C James 6-11-0 — S McNeill 92
611 40- CELTIC BRIDGE 226 (I Johnson) Mrs S Johnson 5-10-9 — W Marston —
612 000-4 COLETTE'S CHOICE 19 (J Cooper) G Ham 4-10-9 — B Powell 81
613 5 MAZATA 24 (M Worcester) S Sherwood 4-10-9 — J Osborne —
614 336-02 WELSH LUSTRE 13 (Mrs L Lovell) D Nicholson 4-10-9 — A Maguire 83

BETTING: 3-1 Ealing Court, 7-2 Nirvana Prince, 5-1 First Command, Urban Cowboy, 8-1 Welsh Lustre, 8-1 Colette's Choice, 17-2 Mazata, 25-1 Curragh Peter, 33-1 Alias Silver, 50-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

NIRVANA PRINCE beat Koweida Control 10l in an 8-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). EALING COURT 1l 2nd of 24 to Yukon Gold in a maiden hurdle at Haas (2m, yielding). FIRST COMMAND 10l 3rd of 14 to Ramallah in a novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good), with ALIAS SILVER 15½l 6th. URBAN COWBOY 5¼l 3rd of 11 to Beyond Our Reach in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m 6f 110yd, good). WELSH LUSTRE ½l 2nd of 8 to Carlingford Lakes in a novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: NIRVANA PRINCE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Jones	4	12	33.3	B Powell	6	17	35.3
S Sherwood	7	23	30.4	R Dunwoody	13	52	25.0
M Pipe	15	58	25.9	J Osborne	7	28	25.0
D Nicholson	14	57	24.6	D Gallagher	5	20	25.0
S Christian	6	26	23.1	W Marston	6	32	18.8
K Bailey	9	40	22.5	N Williamson	12	69	17.4

EDINBURGH

THUNDERER

12.15 Reluctant Suitor. 12.45 Island Jetsetter. 1.15 Astrac Trio. 1.45 Baltic Brown. 2.15 Cool Dude. 2.45 No Word. 3.15 Sweet Noble.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

12.15 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,036: 2m) (15 runners)

1 3-41 LINNGATE 24 (D,G,S) L Lungo 4-11-5 — T Reed 83
2 -633 ASTRALEON 24 R Allan 5-11-0 — B Storey 88
3 0-62 BASILICUS 16 Mrs S Smith 4-11-0 — R Guest 81
4 20- INDIAN RIVER 307 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0 — M Dwyer —
5 030- KIRKCALDY 229 Mrs S Bradburne 4-11-0 — Mr J Bradburne 66
6 00 LONDON HILL 58 Mrs D Thomson 5-11-0 — C Dennis —
7 40 OAKLEY 23 Denys Smith 4-11-0 — P Waggott —
8 33 ORD GALLERY 59 T Dyer 4-11-0 — P Harley —
9 PLUM DUFF F Watson 6-11-0 — K Johnson —
10 -221 RELUCTANT SUITOR 30 (D,F,G) M Hammond 4-11-0 — C Grant [illegible]
11 R THE ADJUTANT 38 G Richards 5-11-0 — B Harding (7) —
12 30-1 THREE STRONG 75 (F) J Johnson 4-11-0 — D J Moffatt (3) —
13 FOLLY FURLONG A Thomson 6-10-9 — Mr R Hale (7) —
14 SIRRONS DEAL Mrs A Russell 4-10-9 — K Jones —
15 0-0U SKIDDAW CALYPSO 30 M Barnes 4-10-9 — A Dobbin —

6-4 Reluctant Suitor, 9-4 Linngate, 4-1 Three Strong, 6-1 Basilicus, 8-1 Indian River, 10-1 Astraleon, 20-1 Kirkcaldy, Ord Gallery, 25-1 The Adjutant, 33-1 Oakley, Plum Duff, 50-1 Folly Furlong, 66-1 others.

12.45 MUSSELBURGH CLAIMING CHASE
(£2,635: 2m) (7)

1 F-65 SILVER HAZE 11 (D,F,S) J Wade 9-11-0 — K Jones 78
2 4142 ISLAND JETSETTER 11 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-10-12 — R Guest [illegible]
3 314- KIRSTENBOSCH 189 (F,G) L Lungo 6-10-12 — F Perratt (7) —
4 0F0- RAHINANE 182 (F,G) J Johnson 10-10-12 — A Orkney —
5 5223 SONSIE MO 28 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-12 — T Reed 97
6 4U22 PRESSURE GAME 17 (D,F) B Mactaggart 10-10-10 — A Merrigan 82
7 -4P4 SKOLERN 17 (F,G) A Harrison 9-10-6 — B Storey —

15-8 Island Jetsetter, 5-2 Sonsie Mo, 7-2 Kirstenbosch, 5-1 Pressure Game, 6-1 Silver Haze, 20-1 others.

1.15 HARCROS SCOTTISH JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER (£1,924: 2m) (8)

1 4120 ASTRAC TRIO 6 (BF,D,G) P Monteith 11-4 — A Dobbin [illegible]
2 3013 ROSCOMMON JOE 6 (S) J J O'Neill 11-4 — M Dwyer 98
3 P ERBIL 6 L Lungo 10-12 — T Reed —
4 P INDIAN SECRET 5 (G) S Kettlewell 10-12 — C Grant —
5 ERICOLIN 52F N Tinkler 10-8 — G McCourt —
6 SHARP AT SIX 112F T Dyer 10-8 — P Harley —
7 6 CORNFLAKE 65 Denys Smith 10-7 — P Waggott 85
8 DIGNIFIED 93F T Dyer 10-3 — A Linton (7) —

5-4 Roscommon Joe, 2-1 Ericolin, 4-1 Astrac Trio, 10-1 Cornflake, 20-1 Sharp At Six, 33-1 Dignified, 50-1 Indian Secret, Erbil.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 10 winners from 26 runners, 38.5%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 9 from 36, 25.0%; Denys Smith, 10 from 42, 23.8%; J J O'Neill, 7 from 30, 23.3%; C Parker, 4 from 20, 20.0%; Mrs S A Bramall, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: J Burke, 4 winners from 10 rides, 40.0%; G McCourt, 34 from 104, 32.7%; M Dwyer, 28 from 98, 28.6%; C Grant, 30 from 136, 22.1%; R Hodge, 8 from 38, 21.1%; A Dobbin, 8 from 42, 19.0%.

1.45 WEE JIMMY MITCHELL HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,762: 3m) (11)

1 -24F CORNET 23 (CD,F,G,S) Denys Smith 7-12-0 — M Dwyer [illegible]
2 -13F OVER THE DEEL 47 (BF,D,F,G,S) J Johnson 7-11-1 — A Orkney 97
3 /3-0 JESTERS PROSPECT 25 (S) Mrs J Goodfellow 9-10-11 — M Moloney 98
4 2143 BALTIC BROWN 25 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 8-10-8 — R Guest 98
5 -2F4 BOARDING SCHOOL 28 (F,G,S) C Parker 6-10-5 — B Storey 91
6 2-F5 CHOICE CHALLANGE 31 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 10-10-0 — C Grant 95
7 4122 CLARE LAD 31 (F,G,S) R Allan 10-10-0 — L Wyer 89
8 45FB CLASSIC MINSTREL 23 (CD,G) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-0 — T Reed 85
9 5582 MOSS BEE 31 (F) W Reed 6-10-0 — R Hodge 89
10 /FF- RAWYARDS BRIG 290 (D,G) Mrs D Thomson 10-10-0 — A Dobbin —
11 F8P6 SPEECH 27 (D,F) Miss J Rae 10-10-0 — F Perratt (7) —

7-4 Baltic Brown, 7-2 Over The Deel, 11-2 Choice Challange, 13-2 Clare Lad, 8-1 Boarding School, Moss Bee, 10-1 Cornet, 16-1 others.

2.15 GOREBRIDGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,987: 2m) (14)

1 151- FAMILY LINE 37F (D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 5-12-0 — F Perratt 92
2 41-3 SERAPHIM 44 (D,F,G) A Harrison 4-11-13 — S Taylor (3) 87
3 F031 COOL DUDE 17 (D,G,S) J Johnson 7-11-11 — D J Moffatt 94
4 045F THE GREEN FOOL 33 (C,D,F,G,S) V Thompson 6-11-10 — D Bentley 98
5 -416 CHEEKY POT 13F (V,C,D,F,S) Denys Smith 5-11-2 — P Waggott 93
6 -820 CLEAR IDEA 5 G Richards 5-10-13 — B Harding (3) 93
7 312- ASHDREN 151F (D,G) A Harrison 6-10-12 — T Jenks 95
8 0-00 INVERTIEL 28 (B,D,F) R Allan 8-10-8 — S Melrose (7) 97
9 1213 BONDAID 27 (BF,D,F,G) J White 9-10-7 — P McLoughlin (3) [illegible]
10 -500 JOHN NAMAN 5 (CD,G) M Barnes 4-10-7 — A Dobbin 93
11 6-05 RAPID MOVER 32F(B,CD,F) D Nolan 6-10-4 — W Dwan 97
12 545- CHARLYCIA 184 (G) T Carr 5-10-4 — M Clarke (7) 95
13 1BF- GOLDEN REVERIE 212 (G) B Mactaggart 5-10-3 — S Mason 89
14 520- LEGITIM 273 J Jefferson 4-10-0 — G Tormey (3) 97

7-2 Cool Dude, 9-2 Clear Idea, 5-1 Ashdren, 6-1 Seraphim, Family Line, 7-1 Bondaid, 8-1 The Green Fool, Cheeky Pot, 12-1 others.

2.45 LASSWADE MAIDEN CHASE
(£2,479: 2m 4f) (11)

1 8/P CALDECOTT 27 Mrs S Smith 7-11-5 — R Guest —
2 -504 CARDENDEN 25 J Barclay 5-11-5 — S Turner 74
3 6-52 COUNT SURVEYOR 33 P Cheesbrough 6-11-5 — C Grant [illegible]
4 4660 EBRO 17 (B) V Thompson 7-11-5 — K Jones 71
5 2423 FLING IN SPRING 17 (BF) Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-5 — A Orkney 76
6 JINGLIN' GEORDIE Mrs A Russell 5-11-5 — K Johnson —
7 66-4 JUNIORS CHOICE 66 J Threadgall 10-11-5 — A Merrigan 88
8 -3F4 NO WORD 17 J White 6-11-5 — W McFarland —
9 THE LORRYMAN W Reed 5-11-5 — T Reed —
10 3-64 TIMANFAYA 5 W Reed 6-11-5 — B Storey 73
11 -PP0 VULPIN DE LAUGERE 23 Mrs S Bramall 6-11-5 — J Burke —

11-8 Count Surveyor, 7-2 No Word, 5-1 Fling In Spring, 7-1 Timanfaya, 8-1 Juniors Choice, 12-1 others.

3.15 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,882: 2m 4f) (9)

1 3-P1 SWEET NOBLE 20 (D,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-10 — F Leahy (7) [illegible]
2 32-4 DENIM BLUE 72 W Reed 4-11-2 — T Reed 95
3 0-06 RALLYING CRY 25 R Allan 5-10-6 — B Storey 95
4 4506 RED TEMPEST 24 J Goldie 5-10-4 — F Perratt (7) 90
5 0-04 JUKE BOX BILLY 25 J Johnson 5-10-4 — A Larnach (3) 92
6 032- DAVARA 257 S Leadbetter 7-10-2 — Mr D Parker (7) 93
7 40-0 BIN LID 25 G Richards 4-10-2 — B Harding (7) 97
8 30U- HIGHLAND FRIEND 282 F Watson 5-10-1 — K Johnson 98
9 5/0 STEPDAUGHTER 25 Mrs D Thomson 7-10-0 — C Dennis —

10-11 Sweet Noble, 4-1 Juke Box Billy, 6-1 Denim Blue, 8-1 Bin Lid, Davara, 12-1 Red Tempest, 16-1 others.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: good (chase course); good to soft, back straight good to firm (hurdles)

12.50 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Barton Bank (A Maguire, 10-11 fav); 2, Cab On Target (Evens). 2 ran. NR: Spartan Flapjack. 20l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.80.

1.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Super Coin (A Maguire, 5-1); 2, Dominant Force (9-1); 3, Ross Graham (11-1). Move A Minute 4-1 fav. 11 ran. 6l, 7l. R Lea. Tote: £5.50; £1.90, £2.20, £3.30. DF: £16.00. Trio: £152.50. CSF: £42.72. Tricast: £420.65.

1.50 (2m ch) 1, Baydon Star (A Maguire, 1-2 fav); 2, One More Dream (3-1); 3, Strong Views (10-1). 4 ran. 6l, 2l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.16.

2.25 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Land Afar (W Marston, 13-2); 2, Highbrook (8-1); 3, High Baron (16-1). Leotard 9-4 fav. 12 ran. Nk, 2l. J Webber. Tote: £7.80; £2.40, £3.30, £4.90. DF: £52.00. Trio: £461.40. CSF: £54.09. Tricast: £729.02.

2.55 (2m ch) 1, Sybillin (P Niven, 6-1); 2, Deep Sensation (100-30); 3, Waterloo Boy (10-1). Storm Alert 9-4 fav. 7 ran. 1½l, 4l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £5.90; £2.00, £2.20. DF: £8.30. CSF: £24.20.

3.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Dark Honey (A Dicken, 9-2 fav); 2, Wick Pound (14-1); 3, Riva (11-2); 4, Beyond Our Reach (8-1). 16 ran. 2l, 4l. S Dow. Tote: £5.30; £1.90, £3.70, £2.40, £2.30. DF: £75.00. Trio: £88.70. CSF: £66.26. Tricast: £337.27.

Jackpot: £13,295.10 0.8 winning tickets (pool of £3,745.12 carried forward to Ludlow today). Placepot: £223.40.

Chepstow

12.30 1, Bond Jnr (100-30 fav); 2, Billy Boru (5-1); 3, Spuffington (5-1). 19 ran. NR: Riffle, Celtic Emerald.

1.00 1, Direct (12-1); 2, Cythere (9-1); 3, Sunley Bay (7-1). Mere Class 7-4 fav. 9 ran.

1.30 1, Meditator (7-1); 2, Oneupmanship (11-2); 3, Grenagh (10-1). Rampoldi 2-1 fav. 8 ran.

2.05 1, Party Politics (11-2); 2, Riverside Boy (8-1); 3, Jodami (2-7 fav). 5 ran

2.35 1, Busman (11-4); 2, Czar Nicholas (9-4 fav); 3, Soul Trader (7-1). 9 ran.

3.05 1, Mudahim (11-8); 2, Nickle Joe (10-1). Monsieur Le Cure Evens fav. 7 ran.

3.40 1, See Enough (25-1); 2, Kenmore-Speed (12-1); 3, Captain Khedive (5-1). Precious Juno 9-4 fav. 11 ran.

Wetherby

12.45 1, Hyde's Happy Hour (5-1); 2, Genseric (14-1), 3, O So Neat (7-2). Mheneanies 5-4 fav. 10 ran.

1.15 1, Run Up The Flag (13-8 fav); 2, Deep Decision (8-1); 3, Precipice Run (4-1). 7 ran.

1.45 1, Majed (4-1); 2, Arcot (2-1 fav); 3, Toogood To Be True (7-1). 12 ran.

2.15 1, Mr Boston (15-8 fav); 2, Southern Minstrel (13-2); 3, Run Pet Run (11-1). 8 ran.

2.45 1, Young Benz (14-1); 2, Antonin (8-1); 3, Fighting Words (7-2). General Pershing Evens fav. 6 ran.

3.15 1, Savoy (5-4 fav); 2, Coqui Lane (9-2); 3, Scotton Banks (14-1). 8 ran.

Towcester

12.35 1, Alice's Mirror (9-1); 2, Fussy Lady (7-4 fav), 3, Baybeejay (17-2). 10 ran.

1.05 1, Judges Fancy (4-1); 2, Fardross (13-8 fav); 3, Dark Oak (8-1). 11 ran. NR: Lobric, Lowick Lad.

1.35 1, General Wolfe (7-2); 2, Ned The Hall (6-4 fav); 3, Suny Bay (16-1). 7 ran.

2.10 1, Invasion (7-1); 2, Postman's Path (9-4 fav); 3, River Bounty (5-1). 10 ran.

2.40 1, Rejoinus (5-1); 2, Boston Rover (2-1 fav); 3, The Green Stuff (7-2). 6 ran.

3.10 1, Ottoman Empire (14-1); 2, Ocean Leader (7-1); 3, Cats Run (33-1). Yes Man 15-8 fav. 14 ran.

3.40 1, Tothewoods (12-1); 2, Nick The Beak (9-1); 3, Buckshot (5-1). Top Brass 4-5 fav. 14 ran.

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Cahervillahow secures long-awaited success

CAHERVILLAHOW landed an overdue win in the Durkan Brothers International Punchestown Chase yesterday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). The "Mouse" Morris-trained nine-year-old had gone three years without a win despite competing with distinction in many of the top National Hunt races.

He has been a disqualified Whitbread Gold Cup winner, beaten a short head by Omerta in the Jameson Irish Grand National, finished runner-up in the void 1993 Aintree Grand National and second to Cogent in the Hennessy Gold Cup.

Cahervillahow, ridden by Norman Williamson, disputed the lead with Vanton to three fences out, where Vanton blundered. This left Cahervillahow in front, and although General Idea promised to challenge the task of giving 10lb to Cahervillahow proved too much for him and he faded on the run-in.

Shawiya, the Triumph Hurdle winner, disappointed when third to the novice, Padashpan, in the Morgiana Hurdle on Saturday. "That was certainly not Champion Hurdle form," said her trainer, Michael O'Brien. However, the filly had a throat operation in the summer and may deserve another chance.

Leeds compete for best Jekyll and Hyde impression


Rod Wallace: opener

Leeds United.....3
Manchester City.....2

BY PETER BALL

ON SATURDAY morning, Leeds were full of their chances of overhauling Manchester United. On Saturday afternoon, they made disconcertingly heavy weather of overhauling Manchester City, in spite of being given a two-goal start.

Yet win they finally did, cutting United's lead back to 12 points, and extending their own unbeaten run in the FA Carling Premiership to 13 games. It may not have been convincing, but the Yorkshire team are obviously doing something right.

"We always seem to dig it out in the last ten minutes," Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, said after bemoaning his team's defensive sloppiness as City came back to equalise early in the second half. "We're a Jekyll and Hyde team," Wilkinson said. "We can't keep giving goals away like that. I don't know what it is, whether we drop our guard, lose our fear and get sloppy or just make genuine mistakes."

Or perhaps his defenders just are not good enough. With Pemberton missing, Fairclough reverted to centre half. As City at last picked up the threads with the arrival of Griffiths, Fairclough's covering role in front of the back four was missed and he had an unhappy time at centre half, his weak back header allowing Griffiths to nip in for the equaliser on the hour after Griffiths' lay-off had allowed Sheron to score the first six minutes earlier.

But City being City, predictably they then threw it away again. Nobody can compete with them in the Jekyll and Hyde stakes. One thing is constant with City — they are the great unpredictables, even at board level. Saturday was no exception, beginning at lunchtime when Peter Swales was to be heard on the radio announcing that he might sell up after all.

Surprising at the time, within half an hour of kick-off, it apparently made perfect sense — Swales knows a sinking ship when he sees one and at that stage City looked like one. If Wilkinson had cause for complaint, Brian Horton, his opposite number, had even more.

In the first half, City's defending was not so much poor as suicidal. Kernaghan, Horton's £1.5 million signing, had an awful time, turning Strachan's free kick into Wallace's path for the first goal and looking shaky all through. A hamstring injury compounded his unhappy afternoon. "Did he do it when Deane turned him?" a journalist wondered afterwards. "Which time?" asked Horton mordantly.

The player himself had no illusions. Refusing a radio interview, he said "After that? You must be joking. I had my boots on the wrong feet out there." Kernaghan was not alone, only Phelan of the back four emerging with any credit.

The second goal was another chapter of accidents, McMahon helping on Strachan's free kick and Simpson failing to clear, allowing Wetherall to knock it down for Speed. "We aren't defending properly as a unit," Horton said. "And we gave two needless, stupid free-kicks away."

But in the first half, it was not just the defence. "We weren't getting a kick," complained Horton. "They won every tackle, every challenge, every header."

Leeds were either embarrassed at how easy it was or began to indulge themselves; whatever the reason, they relaxed. The transformation after the interval with the introduction of Griffiths, Horton's other signing, was astonishing as the Manchester side suddenly found reserves of determination and spirit that suggest their condition is far from terminal. Expect Peter Swales to change his mind again any day now.

However, if the ship is not foundering, they have now gone nine Premiership games without a win. Deane's fourth goal in five games six minutes from time again pointed to defensive frailties as Wetherall won successive headers in the penalty area through sheer determination.

Horton was unhappy about a refereeing decision at the very beginning of the build-up, but as he admitted: "The ball was in the air sixty yards and we didn't cope with it. We can't blame the referee for that, can we?"

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2) : M Beeney — G Kelly, C Fairclough, D Wetherall, A Dorigo — G Strachan, B McAllister, G Speed, K Sharp (sub: N Whelan, 79min) — Rod Wallace (sub: Ray Wallace, 87), B Deane.
MANCHESTER CITY (4-3-3) : A Coton — M Vonk, A Kernaghan, K Curle, T Phelan — S Lomas, S McMahon, F Simpson (sub: C Griffiths 45) — D White, A Mike, M Sheron.
Referee: R Gifford.

United 5-1 favourites despite difficult Cup draw

BY KEITH PIKE

IT SAYS much for Manchester United's pre-eminence that bookmakers yesterday installed them as favourites to win the FA Cup, despite having been given a hazardous trip to Sheffield United in the third round.

Almost unbackable for the FA Carling Premiership, in which they hold a 12-point lead, and short-priced favourites for the Coca-Cola Cup, in which they were given the best quarter-final pairing on Thursday, United are 5-1 with William Hill to win the major domestic knockout trophy for the eighth time.

United's tie at Bramall Lane is their third there in five seasons. In the 1990 quarter-finals, United secured a 1-0 victory and went on to beat Crystal Palace in a final replay. Last season, though, Sheffield United gained revenge with a 2-1 win.

Their meeting is one of three all-Premiership ties, with Swindon Town at home to Ipswich Town and Newcastle United facing one of their former No 9s in Mick Quinn, now leader of the Coventry City attack.

Two of the more attractive ties will reunite managers with clubs they served with distinction as players. Trevor Francis will expect no favours at Hillsborough from Nottingham Forest, who won the European Cup in 1979 thanks to Francis's header, and Martin O'Neill, a European Cup winner with Forest a year later and now manager of Wycombe Wanderers, will relish the visit of Norwich City to Adams Park.

Bolton Wanderers, who eliminated Liverpool last season, have the chance to complete a Merseyside double by beating Everton at Burnden Park, but the draw was less kind to the five surviving non-league teams.

Only Bromsgrove Rovers have home advantage, against Barnsley, and none were paired with Premiership opposition, although Kidderminster Harriers can anticipate a share of a reasonable gate against Birmingham City at St Andrews.

Carl Hoddle, whose spectacular goal helped Barnet overcome Crawley Town, can now look forward to impressing brother Glenn, the Chelsea manager, at close quarters. "It is a terrific draw, but the chances of us keeping the tie at Underhill, where the capacity is only just over 4,000, are pretty remote," Gary Phillips, the Barnet goalkeeper-manager, said.

DRAW

Swindon Town v Ipswich Town
Oxford United v Tranmere Rovers
Preston North End v Bournemouth or Nuneaton Borough
Luton Town v Southend United
Stockport County v Queens Park Rangers
West Ham United v Watford
Cardiff City v Middlesbrough
Wycombe Wanderers v Norwich City
Bromsgrove Rovers v Barnsley
Wolverhampton Wndrs v Crystal Palace
Sheffield Wednesday v Nottingham Forest
Millwall v Arsenal
Newcastle United v Coventry City
Charlton Athletic v Burnley
Stoke City v Bath City
Bolton Wanderers v Everton
Plymouth Argyle v Chester City
Wimbledon v Walsall or Scunthorpe United
Grimsby Town v Wigan Athletic
Barnet v Chelsea
Bristol City v Liverpool
Birmingham City v Kidderminster Harriers
Leyton Orient or Exeter City v Aston Villa
Manchester City v Leicester City
Sheffield United v Manchester United
Southampton v Port Vale
Leeds United v Crewe Alexandra
Notts County v Sutton United
Oldham Athletic v Derby County
Blackburn Rovers v Portsmouth
Sunderland v Carlisle United
Peterborough United v Tottenham Hotspur

Matches to be played on January 8

Brave Norwich help to restore faith and hope

Manchester United.....2
Norwich City.....2

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ALL is not lost in the English game. When the football flows as it did at Old Trafford on Saturday, and when a team built on the resources of Norwich are prepared to go at the champions and to match their style and pride, there is no place an *aficionado* of the game would rather be.

Certainly the nature of the televised Italian league game, a spoiling 1-0 victory for Juventus over Napoli in Turin yesterday, was no match for the thrills of Manchester. The comparison is important, not least because the United-Norwich match was transmitted live to 23 nations, but mainly because Norwich are about to try to retrieve a one-goal deficit against Internazionale in Milan on Wednesday.

Saturday showed yet again the phenomenon of a Norwich team, impotent in front of goal on their home soil, producing teeth wherever they travel. They have scored three goals in seven Premiership games at Carrow Road but 24 in ten away games.

It is not so much of a conundrum as it might seem. Apart from the fact that Robins and Ekoku, their two principal strikers, have been injured for eight weeks (Ekoku came through a full game in the reserves on Friday and travels in hope to Milan), it is evident that the passing rhythm on which Norwich are built flows best when the opposition come at them.

Nevertheless, to dominate Manchester United, as they did for the first half-hour in front of 44,694 United partisans, is schoolboy-hero stuff. Norwich had the courage, the movement and, above all, the belief in their ability to pass the ball from foot to foot, to take the game emphatically to the Reds.

In the response they drew from arguably the most talented pool of players in Britain, there was fare without question on a higher plane of passing accuracy than the wealthy Italians of Juventus contrived yesterday.

In one sublime moment from Ruel Fox, the English can take wing on inspiration. It was the 29th minute at Old Trafford when he bewitched half the United team. He began with a back-heel from the centre circle to Megson. Fox then accelerated, took the return pass in his stride, and, like a lizard darting between rocks, evaded three United tackles before shooting just wide.

Within a minute an injustice was served. United took the lead after a 40-yard centre from the right by Cantona was missed by Hughes and, with Newman standing perplexed, Giggs glided in to score.

The unfairness was erased within seconds. Virtually straight from the kick-off, Fox was scurrying through again, Schmeichel came out to block the ball with his feet, but from the rebound Sutton despatched a low, precise shot into the net so quickly that the athletic Danish goalkeeper had not even regained his footing.

That, at least, was Sutton's due. Throughout the game, he exposed complacency in Pallister, the United defender, who days earlier had signed a £1.2 million four-year contract. Sutton, just 20 and the son of a former Norwich player, embodied the spirit that rippled through the entire team.

Yet, again against the run of play, Manchester stole the lead moments before half-time. It was a classic goal, built on nine passes, involving the sublime control of Cantona, and the ability of Giggs, Ince and Irwin to interchange. Finally, Giggs crafted a through ball, Cantona responded with a princely header, and McClair supplied the finishing touch.

Once more Norwich had the depth of courage to reply. Two minutes into the second half, a linesman spotted Pallister pulling back Sutton, and Fox relished the chance to smite the ball high into Schmeichel's net from the penalty spot.

United then earned their share of the points with some rampant and delicious attacks. Cantona, inevitably, was the heart and soul of it, and, in a ten-minute spell, displayed all shades of French blue. He should have been sent off for a retaliatory kick at Culverhouse but was unpunished, except that Gunn twice denied him with swooping saves, once pushing a header on to the crossbar.

Bowen saved twice on the line, McClair hit the woodwork again and yet, after hanging on, Norwich had the reserves to chase a winning goal right up to the ninetieth minute.

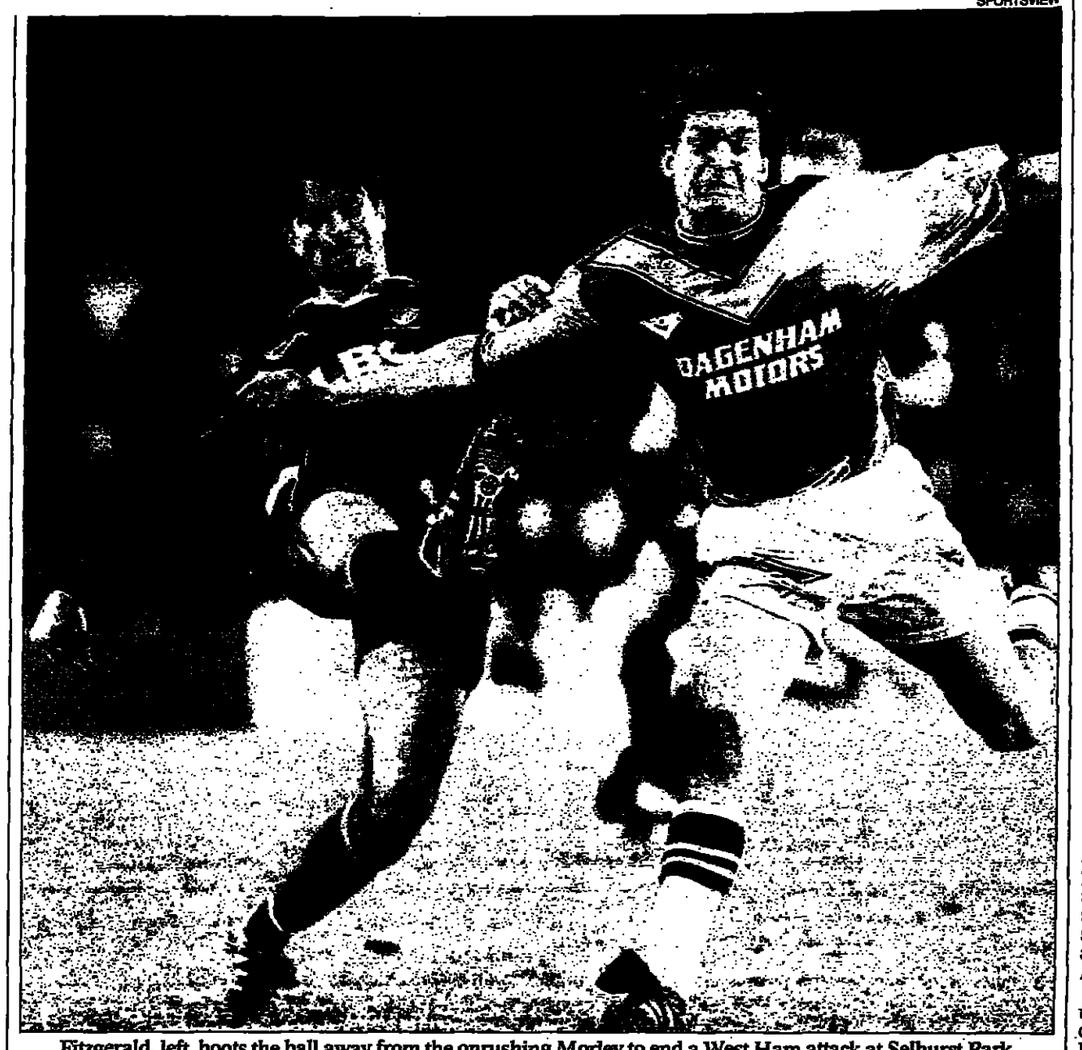
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis, B McClair, P Ince, R Giggs — E Cantona, M Hughes (sub: L Sharpe, 72min)
NORWICH CITY (1-3-4-2): B Gunn — I Culverhouse — R Newman, I Butterworth (sub: D Sutch, 46), C Woodthorpe — R Fox (D Eadie, 78), G Megson, J Goss, M Bowen — L Power, C Sutton.
Referee: M Bodenham.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	18	45	+21	WWDWD
2	Leeds	18	33	+11	WDDWW
3	Blackburn	18	32	+8	LWWLW
4	Newcastle	18	31	+16	WWWLW
5	Arsenal	18	30	+7	LWDWL
6	Aston Villa	18	30	+4	WWLLD
7	Norwich	17	28	+9	DWDLD
8	QPR	18	28	+6	WWLDD
9	Liverpool	17	26	+6	WWLWL
10	West Ham	18	26	-2	LWDWW
11	Everton	18	24	-3	LLDDW
12	Sheffield Wed	18	23	+4	WDWWW
13	Coventry	18	23	-2	WDLLW
14	Tottenham	18	22	+3	LDDDL
15	Wimbledon	18	22	-6	WLDDL
16	Ipswich	18	22	-6	LDDWD
17	Manchester City	18	16	-5	LDDLL
18	Sheffield Utd	18	16	-10	LLLWD
19	Oldham	18	15	-16	LLLWD
20	Chelsea	18	14	-10	LLDLL
21	Southampton	18	14	-11	WLWLL
22	Swindon	18	10	-24	LDWLD

Weekly change — Up — Stayed the same — Down

SPORTSVIEW


Fitzgerald, left, boots the ball away from the onrushing Morley to end a West Ham attack at Selhurst Park

West Ham enjoy role-reversal

Wimbledon.....1
West Ham United.....2

BY KEITH PIKE

HAVING lived so long, and so ingloriously, by the sword, Wimbledon will neither warrant nor expect any sympathy should they now proceed to die by it. On Saturday they were certainly cut down to size by West Ham United.

Wimbledon may have left opponents up and down the country to count their bruises, but sooner or later their overtly confrontational style was going to catch up with them. To see them out-passed and out-manoeuvred tactically came as no surprise. But how often have they been outtackled and out-fouled by the likes of West Ham, and in front of their own crowd? Wimbledon conceded just 11 free kicks to West Ham's 16. They normally manage as many in the kick-about.

Wimbledon had left their heart in the dressing-room, where Kimble and Joseph — who have perfected the 60-yard punt that forms the basis of so many of their attacks — were joined by Blackwell, Blissett and, most importantly, Fashanu, who thrives on such service. By the end, Holdsworth and Clarke had joined the list of the walking wounded.

And there have been mental as well as physical scars, too, from the notorious Fashanu-Mabbutt incident. "A lot of teams would have crumbled after what we have been through in the last two weeks," Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said. "It has been a long slog. Good luck to West Ham, but I don't think they played a real Wimbledon side today."

So will there be a move away from the long ball in south London? There have been matches this season in which Wimbledon have been a touch more refined and Kinnear had been hugely and rightly encouraged by their midweek performance in the Coca-Cola Cup at Anfield, where they had been cheered off by the Kop, a group not known for its love of the unbeautiful game. The answer, almost certainly, is no.

Kinnear kept his weary troops in the dressing-room for an hour, not to berate them but to urge a return to basics. "With nine players injured we are down to the kids, and I have no idea what kind of side we will be able to turn out against Chelsea on Wednesday," he said. "I will have to see if we can borrow some players — we are certainly not in a position to buy any. But we will not squeal. We will get ourselves together and come again. We always do."

Wimbledon have now won only one of their last 11 Premiership games, but there is no stopping West Ham at the moment. In the same period they have been beaten only twice. They were worthy winners on Saturday, when two goals by Lee Chapman rewarded their endeavours.

The width of West Ham's attacks — Breacker and Allen linking on the right, Burrows and Holmes combining on the left — had Wimbledon stretched uncomfortably, while in midfield, Butler, diminutive but dynamic, won nearly all the tackles that mattered.

They owed their half-time lead as much to two missed headers by Earle, during Wimbledon's one brief period of ascendancy, as to Chapman's decisive header from a perceptive cross from Breacker.

A route one move produced Chapman's second. Holdsworth's scrambled, late reply was irrelevant.

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): H Segers — W Barton, B Fitzgerald, J Scales, B McAllister — N Ardley (sub: S Talbove, 84min), V Jones, R Earle, G Berry — D Holdsworth, A Clarke.
WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — T Breacker, S Potts, A Gale, D Burrows — M Allen, P Butler, I Bishop, M Holmes — L Chapman, T Morley.
Referee: D Gallagher.

Thrills fail to hide shortcomings

Queens Park Rangers ... 2
Aston Villa 2

BY DAVID MILLER

TWO teams in the top third of the best of English football produced a degree of skill that might win the ungainly-named FA Carling Premiership, but would never, surely, lift a European trophy. The irony of so much English football is that, as in this instance, it is sound on tactical intelligence but lacking in technical refinement of the kind that will survive at international level. Villa discovered as much a few weeks ago.

Both teams encountered a regular domestic experience: Rangers playing well, but not well enough to win; Villa playing with real authority, but a proper conclusion eluding them. Here were two nearly-teams, even if Rangers will point to the absence of Ferdinand in attack and Peacock in defence.

No wonder that afterwards Gerry Francis, Rangers' manager, was satisfied that they had, as he felt, gained a point rather than lost one while Ron Atkinson, his opposite number, was broody with frustration. The mood may well dog him throughout the season.

It was a strange yet exciting affair. Rangers could have been two up instead of one, then were fortunate not to go 3-1 down, yet somehow managed to be 2-1 in front at half-time, thanks to the second of two dodgy goals. Villa immediately drew level at the start of the second half with a second goal as spectacular as their first, could have led 4-2 with a quarter of an hour to go and finally were scrambling to save the draw over the last few desperate minutes.

If there was one player who looked as if he might have a contribution to make to the national team, it was Impey on Rangers' right flank, even though he was now less than fit. Early on, he was leading Teale, playing unfamiliarly at left back for Villa, an uncomfortable dance, pushing through to Villa's byline. When Rangers did go ahead after seven minutes, the goal came from Bardsley's speculative cross, a touch from Impey and one of those agonising, slowly-executed own goals by McGrath, carefully directed off his forehead, that seems even more unbelievable to the player himself than to the audience.

Rangers' assertiveness did not last long. Houghton missed an open goal and then Saunders' careful low shot was held by Stejskal. Villa drew level on the half-hour with a rasping drive by Richardson from the edge of the penalty area as Rangers receded hesitantly in front of him, though the goalkeeper might have reached the shot. Nonetheless, Stejskal did well to defy Saunders twice in the next few minutes.

Rangers went ahead again when a corner by Wilkins on the right was met by a posse of Rangers shirts beyond the far post and Penrice was judged to have scrambled the ball in.

Villa brought on Daley for Townsend for the second half, and, within three minutes, Parker, always willing to take the initiative on his own, sidestepped two opponents and banged home the finest of shots. In the next 20 minutes, Atkinson and Saunders could have put Villa in the clear, but did not, and, with a quarter of an hour to go, Villa were fortunate that Teale, back in a central defensive role, blocked Allen a few yards out.

This near-miss spurred Rangers, and the crescendo of vocal home support reached a peak when it seemed that McGrath had deliberately passed back for safety, only for Bosnich to handle the ball without penalty from the referee. It has to be said that Rangers already had just about all they deserved.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): J Stejskal — D Bardsley, K Ready, A McDonald (sub: I Holloway, 75min), C Wilson — A Impey, S Barker, R Wilkins, M Meaker — G Penrice, B Allen.
ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — N Cox, P McGrath, E Barrett, S Teale — R Houghton, G Parker, K Richardson, A Townsend (sub: A Daley, 46) — D Saunders, D Atkinson.
Referee: K S Hackett

Beardsley offers hope for Mabbutt

Tottenham Hotspur.....1
Newcastle United.....2

BY DAVID POWELL

ON A day when fractured cheekbones were a topic for conversation at White Hart Lane, Peter Beardsley extended the facial theme. His nineteenth-minute winner for Newcastle was his tenth goal in 14 matches since returning after smashing a cheekbone in three places.

England's best-known cheekbone of the moment, Gary Mabbutt's right one, was smashed in four places when it met John Fashanu's elbow 12 days ago. Mabbutt had said on Friday that he was uncertain whether he would play again, noting the case of John Uzzell, the Torquay United defender, who sustained similar injuries, to cheekbone and eye socket, two years ago and had not played since.

Mabbutt had learned that Uzzell suffers pain from the plates in his head when he jogs: "When you read that, it concerns you." Mabbutt, who expects to have the steel plate in for the rest of his life, had said. Watching Beardsley on Saturday may have cheered him up.

That may seem strange, given that Mabbutt is the Tottenham captain and Beardsley scored the two goals that denied his club its first win in eight Premiership matches, but, since Beardsley played beautifully without a hint of trouble from the plate he had inserted after his clash with Neil Ruddock, Mabbutt should feel more optimistic. Beardsley's goals were as delightful as the game itself, the first a well-struck shot, the second no less clinically despatched after deceiving three Tottenham defenders.


Beardsley: example

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, overcame the doubts of his chairman, John Hall, about the wisdom of paying Everton £1.4 million for a 32-year-old and Beardsley was signed in the closed season. Who's arguing now? "He could play until he is 36 or 37 and right where it hurts, up front," Keegan said of his favourite player.

Keegan may not be for England (his words and those of Hall), but Beardsley should be, the manager said. "He should be the first name on the teamsheet," Keegan went on, calling it "a crime" that he had been overlooked recently.

"He is an exceptional talent; I see it every day, not just on a Saturday," Keegan said, adding that the younger players idolise Beardsley. "If they do not learn from him they have got to be thick.

"They have got to watch the way he trains, the way he leads his life. If I was a young footballer, I would try and copy him. He is at his peak now, playing the best football of his life."

How Tottenham needed a man of Beardsley's instincts. Their chances went into double figures, notably three scorned in six minutes midway through the second half. The only one taken was the penalty, converted by Barmby after Watson had felled Anderton.

Among Newcastle's line-up, only Clark remained from Ardiles's last match as their manager before he was sacked. Had he had Beardsley, perhaps things would have been different.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): E Thorstvedt — D Kerslake (sub: D Austin, 74min), C Calderwood, S Sedgley, J Edinburgh — D Anderton, V Samways, M Hazard, D Caskey — N Barmby, S Campbell (sub: J Dozzell, 60)
NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): M Hooper — S Watson, B Venison, S Howey, R Elliott — R Lee, P Bracewell, L Clark, M Jeffrey — A Cole, P Beardsley
Referee: M Reed.

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Fry turns up heat in managerial tug-of-war

Southend United 0
Leicester City 0

By Keith Pike

A GOALLESS, initially tedious draw at home to Leicester City yesterday may not have been the best advert for Barry Fry's management credentials, but it seems that Fry, a self-confessed football wheeler and dealer, is intent on cashing in on his rapidly-improving reputation.

An extraordinary closing 20 minutes, in which Southend might have scored six and had Derek Payne sent off for striking David Speedie, lurched towards the bizarre after the final whistle. Fry insisted he wanted to listen to an offer to take over as manager of Birmingham City: standing with his arm round him, smiling through gritted teeth, was the Southend chairman, Vic Jobson, who vowed to block any approach. Good-humoured it may have been, but a rift is already apparent.

Birmingham, Southend's more prosperous but less successful Endsleigh Insurance League first division rivals, made their first, informal, approach for Fry on Saturday, five days after Terry Cooper's resignation. It came at half-time during Birmingham's defeat by Nottingham Forest at St Andrews and met with an immediate rebuff.

"Barry is our manager, under contract and we intend him to remain so for a long time and to realise, with him, our ambition of Premier League football," Jobson said. An official approach is expected today and Jobson has vowed to treat it in the same manner.

However, Fry — who made his name taking Barnet into the Football League, saved Southend from relegation last season and has now guided them to third place in the first division table — is adamant and will seek advice on his position from the League Managers' Association.

"I want to speak to Birmingham, it's as simple as that," Fry said. "Anybody in my position would do the same, and the chairman has always said he would not stand in my way if I wanted to improve myself."

Improve Southend he already has, but Fry has made no secret of his desire to manage a club in the FA Carling Premiership, and his record of achieving success with some style on a shoestring budget stands scrutiny. Jobson rather fancifully suggested that Southend have the potential "to be another Newcastle United", but Fry has a more realistic appraisal of the Essex club. "Much as I love the club, it will never be a giant," he said.

The point was made for him yesterday. Southend may have won their previous four league games and been finding the net regularly, but only just over 6,000 turned up at Roots Hall and one in four were from the East Midlands.

They endured a monotonous first half, and a poor game was showing few signs of improvement before Fry replaced both his strikers with 25 minutes to go. It so nearly proved to be an inspired move.

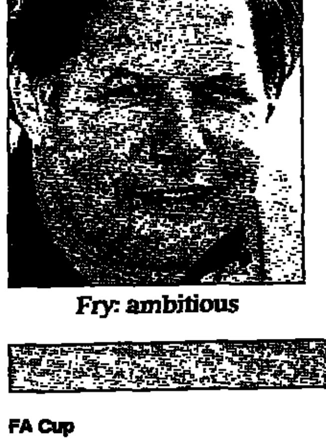
Within a few minutes, Lee, one of the replacements, had seen his header cleared off the line by Whitlow from Otto's cross after Ward, the Leicester goalkeeper, had made a brilliant initial parry.

Later, another cross by Otto and another header by Lee allowed Payne to burst through: this time, Mills came to Leicester's rescue at the last second.

Ward, who had saved well twice from long-range efforts in the first half, then completed a memorable display by twice denying Otto. His opposite number, Sansome, had been far less occupied, an arcing leap to tip over Mills's 68th-minute header being his only real moment of concern.

Payne's dismissal eight minutes from time was an unwelcome diversion from the series of near-misses. Caught late by the equally-diminutive Speedie on the touchline, Payne — not for the first time in his career — reacted rashly, striking out with his left hand, and left Philip Don with little option but to show the red card, even if Speedie's unnecessarily dramatic collapse did him little credit. Speedie was booked and substituted two minutes later.

SOUTHEND UNITED (4-4-2): P Sansome — G Poole, A Edwards, G Bressington, C Powell — J Hunt, P Gridelet, D Payne, R Otto, G Jones (sub: J Lee, 66min) — B Angell (sub: T Mooney, 65).
LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): G Ward — S Grayson, B Carey, M Whitlow, N Lewis — G Mills, S Thompson, S Agnew, L Philpott — I Roberts, D Speedie (sub: P Gee, 84).
Referee: P Don.



Fry: ambitious

MARC ASPLAND



Mings, left, of Bath, gets the better of Smith in his side's 2-1 win over Hereford in the FA Cup yesterday

Bath appreciate full value of Mings

Bath City 2
Hereford United 1

By Walter Gammie

AS SWEETLY struck a shot as you could wish to see brought Bath City, of the GM Vauxhall Conference, victory over Hereford United, of the Endsleigh Insurance League third division, at Twerton Park yesterday and a trip to play Stoke City in the third round of the FA Cup.

Paul Batty had been on the field for three minutes as a substitute when, in the 77th minute, Adie Mings guided a header into his path. As the defenders backed off, Batty ran on and let fly from 25 yards to defeat Judge in the Hereford goal.

Batty, 29, needed the goal to remind Bath of his abilities. Last season, the former Swindon Town and Exeter City player scored a hat-trick for Yeovil Town when they beat Torquay United in the FA Cup and then helped knock out Hereford before scoring in their third-round defeat by Arsenal. This season, though, he sustained an eye injury in the fourth qualifying round victory over Cheltenham in October and has been out of the side since.

The winning goal was outstanding and the rest of the tie merely underlined that the gap between a struggling third division team and the Conference sides is growing narrower. Bath, personified by the aggression of Mings, showed the commitment needed in such a tightly contested encounter. Mings created Bath's opening goal on the stroke of half-time, using his strength to hold off Davies to produce an opening for Adcock. His shot was blocked by Judge but Brooks followed up to score.

Mings had already seen his first marker, Kevan Smith, hobble off the field, and Davies had a fitness test in front of the stand before resuming for the second half. Mings was an amateur boxer as a teenager. "I keep my hands to myself now," he said, with the broadest of grins.

Hereford looked the more composed side in the second half after a header by Hall had given them an equaliser in the 56th minute. But as Greg Downs, the Hereford player-manager, knows all too well, the FA Cup has its highs and its lows. Six years ago a cup winner with Coventry City, Downs was left to shake his head and lament: "We should have won."

BATH CITY (4-3-3): D Mogg — J Gill, R Crowley, G Williams, G Dicks — R Cousins, N Brooks (sub: P Batty, 74min), P Chenoweth — P Adcock (sub: G Smart, 80), M Boyle, A Mings.
HEREFORD UNITED (1-3-4-2): A Judge — G Downs — H Clark, K Smith (sub: C Anderson, 29), G Davies — G Harrison (sub: L May, 82), A Reece, D Hall, M Nicholson — O Pickard, C Pike.
Referee: V Callow.

Kelly's late goal leads to protest

Wolverhampton Wndrs .. 2
Derby County 2

By Oliver Holt

STEVE Bull, the no-nonsense Wolverhampton Wanderers forward who is more used to being the villain than the victim, was last night cast firmly in the role of injured party after a lunging tackle on him prompted a furious denouement to what had been a largely languorous Endsleigh Insurance League first division game.

Bull hobbled off the Molineux pitch deep into injury time in the shadow of the Jack Harris Stand that will be opened tomorrow night when Wolves play Honved to mark the completion of the magnificent renovation of their stadium, and wagged his finger at the offender, Martin Kuhl.

When play resumed, Simkin lashed Wolves' half-cleared free kick wildly towards the corner flag, Thompson flung himself at the ball, headed it onto the bar and Kelly prodded it over the line for an equaliser the home team just about deserved. It was Wolves' tenth league draw this season.

The Derby players clustered around John Key, the referee, unjustifiably angry about a player they believed had been in an offside position and baffled by the addition of four minutes of injury time. After the match, there was an altercation involving several players in the tunnel leading to the changing rooms.

A rainbow hung over the ground before the kick-off, but the stadium shone brighter than the riches on the field. Derby's £12 million team still looked more a collection of individuals than a unit.

But Gabbiadini stole a goal for the visitors out of nothing after 41 minutes and then gifted Wolves an equaliser on the stroke of half-time by trying to flick the ball over his head on the edge of his own penalty area. He lifted it into his face instead, and Bull headed Edwards's resulting cross against the post before tapping home the rebound.

Gabbiadini scored again with an innocuous looking header midway through the second half. His brace, though, was overshadowed by the equaliser and the furore over Bull, who Graham Turner, the Wolves manager, thought was roughly treated throughout the game. "He's no angel himself," was McFarlane's riposte.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-5-2): M Stowell — M Venus, P Blades, P Shirtliff — A Thompson, P Edwards (sub: C Regis, 79min), R Dennison, P Birch, K Keen — S Bull (sub: D Simkin, 90), D Kelly.
DERBY COUNTY (4-4-2): M Taylor — G Charles, C Short, D Wassall, M Forsyth — M Kuhl, J Harkes, M Pembridge, P Simpson — P Kitson, M Gabbiadini.
Referee: J Key.

Scottish clubs fear eviction from Europe's elite contest

Nobody wants to pick those official buff envelopes off the front door mat. Even when they have finally been opened, there is a reluctance to read the contents. The Uefa communique on Thursday, detailing the new European Cup format, produced just such a reaction in Scotland.

Everybody knew that there were glum tidings in the letter, but nobody was ready to judge their severity. Some noted that Rangers would not have been one of the eight seeds who will be ushered straight through to the final stages of the tournament. That, however, is a myopic damage report.

It may well be that Scottish football was served with an eviction order last week. There is a chance that a European Cup that has room for only 24 entrants will leave the premier division champions to slum it in the Uefa Cup.

Even Rangers would be foolish to wallow in the assumption that they are a cut above the other Scottish clubs.

One of the clearest signs of Uefa's mismanagement of football is their ability to make you feel you are back in the fourth-year maths class. The 24 sides will be chosen by adding two performance coefficients. All working must be shown. Do not attempt to copy the swot in glasses at the next desk.

Actually, the principles are fairly simple. The league champions will be assessed in two ways: their European record in the previous five years provides one guideline. In addition, the overall record of their country's teams in each of the three European competitions during the same period is taken into account.

As a result, the league winners can find themselves hampered by the failings of other clubs. In Scotland, this may bring a perverse satisfaction to Celtic supporters. They can undermine Rangers' standing by performing miserably in Europe themselves. On the evidence of recent years, one would have to say that this is a task to which Celtic are admirably suited.

There are, however, no clubs who can take pride in their exploits of late. For Scottish sides, European success has been intense but sporadic. One trophy was won in the Sixties, another in the Seventies, a third in the Eighties.

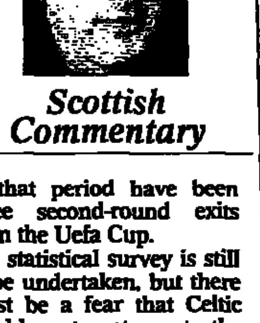
Such intermittent glory will no longer suffice. The only merit in the five-year record of Scottish clubs, which includes this season, is that it does not take long to write down. Rangers' progress to the Champions League stage of the European Cup last season has been the single noteworthy run.

All the other campaigns have been brief. Since 1989, there have been 23 sorties by Scottish clubs in the European competitions. Eleven of those have ended in first-round defeat; another 11 have ground to a halt in the second round. The solitary triumph was Rangers' impressive marauding early this year.

The Scottish game has always been prone to these nondescript interludes, but Uefa will henceforth impose heavy sanctions. There should be concern, even at Ibrox, over a five-year record that includes three first-round exits.

For Celtic, there is nothing but alarm. Should they win the league, there may be no room for them in the European Cup. Since 1989, they have failed to qualify for Europe on one occasion. Their greatest achievements in that period have been three second-round exits from the Uefa Cup.

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish Commentary

A statistical survey is still to be undertaken, but there must be a fear that Celtic would not get past the doorman when it came to European Cup entrance. Move over Malta, Iceland and marginal football nations everywhere, the Scots are about to join you.

Uefa's drastic measure, however, may at last provoke reform. Semi-skilled football will no longer do. Even the best should ponder. Rangers had a satisfying 2-0 victory away to Motherwell on Saturday but, on such occasions in future, Walter Smith, their manager, will still wonder whether he has a side cut out for Europe.

There is no escape from the harrowing truth. Some time soon, Scottish clubs will have to win a game or two.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS

FA Cup

Second round

BOURNMTH (0) 1 NUNEATON (0) 1
Watson 51 — Green 79
7,000

BRENTFORD (0) 1 CARDIFF (1) 3
Gayle 74 — Westley 40 (og) Stant 64 Bird 68
4,333

BURNLEY (2) 4 ROCHDALE (0) 1
Ryan 25 (og) Eyres 42, 72, 88 — Whitehall 78 (pen)
11,388

CARLISLE (2) 3 STALYBRIDGE (0) 1
Edmondson 23 Gallimore 38 Arnold 50 — Kirkham 68
5,546

CHESTER (2) 2 HULL (0) 0
Preece 8 Leonard 26
4,333

CRAWLEY (0) 1 BARNET (0) 2
Ford 86 — Rowe 53 Hoddle 71
4,104

CREWE (2) 2 MACCLSFLD (0) 1
Lennon 25 Whalley 30 — Askey 48
6,007

KIDDMNSTR (0) 1 WOKING (0) 0
Forsyth 81 (pen)
4,411

L ORIENT (1) 1 EXETER (1) 1
Cooper 37 — Bailey 28
4,366

LINCOLN (1) 1 BOLTON (1) 3
Johnson 33 — Thompson 24 Brown 69 Coyle 72
6,250

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 GILLINGHAM (0) 0
Nugent 28, 59
6,051

SHREWSBURY (0) 0 PRESTON (1) 1
Raynor 3
5,018

STOCKPORT (1) 5 HALIFAX (0) 1
Frain 39 Francis 51, 73 Beaumont 80 Wallace 87 — Barr 85 (pen)
5,502

TORQUAY (0) 0 SUTTON U (0) 1
Jones 77
3,414

WALSALL (1) 1 SCUNTHORPE (1) 1
Wright 38 — Carmichael 25
4,962

WIGAN (0) 1 SCARBORO (0) 0
Gavin 74
1,837

WYCOMBE (0) 1 CAMBRIDGE U (0) 0
Hemmings 56
6,313

YEOVIL (0) 0 BROMSGROVE (2) 2
Webb 4 Radburn 7
5,462

Yesterday

BATH (1) 2 HEREFORD (0) 1
Brooks 45, Batty 79 — Hall 56
3,086

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 2, Molesey 1; Bromley 0, Grays 2; Carshalton 2, Yeading 0; Dorking 3, Chesham 4; Enfield 1, Hendon 0; Harrow 1, Stevenage 0; Hayes 2, St Albans 1; Hitchin 2, Marlow 1; Kingstonian 3, Dulwich 0; Wokingham 0, Basingstoke 0. First division: Barking 5, Whyteleafe 0; Berkhamstead Town 3, Uxbridge 4; Bishop's Stortford 2, Abingdon Town 0; Chalfont St Peter 1, Billericay Town 3; Croydon 1, Walton and Hersham 4; Purfleet 2, Bognor Regis Town 0; Ruislip Manor 3, Maidenhead Utd 1; Staines Town 1, Boreham Wood 1; Tooting and Mitcham 2, Heybridge Swifts 0; Windsor & Eton 2, Leyton 3; Worthing 0, Wembley 0. Second division: Aveley 3, Hungerford Town 2; Chertsey Town 3, Aldershot Town 2; Edgware Town 3, Egham Town 4; Hampton 0, Saffron Walden Town 3; Lewes 1, Metropolitan Police 3; Malden Vale 5, Rainham Town 1; Newbury Town 6, Leatherhead 0; Thame Utd 2, Hemel Hempstead 2; Tilbury 3, Barton

FA Carling Premiership

COVENTRY (0) 1 ARSENAL (0) 0
Quinn 79
12,722

EVERTON (1) 1 SOUTHMPTN (0) 0
Cottee 35
13,660

IPSWICH (0) 0 OLDHAM (0) 0
12,004

LEEDS (2) 3 MAN CITY (0) 2
Wallace 11 Speed 22 Deane 85 — Sheron 54 Griffiths 60
33,821

MAN UTD (2) 2 NORWICH (1) 2
Giggs 30 McClair 42 — Sutton 31 Fox 47 (pen)
44,694

QPR (2) 2 A VILLA (1) 2
McGrath 5 (og) Penrice 40 — Richardson 26 Parker 47
33,392

SHEFF WED (1) 3 LIVERPOOL (1) 1
Ruddock 30 (og) Wright 58 (og) Bright 80 — Fowler 37
32,177

SWINDON (0) 0 SHEFF UTD (0) 0
12,734

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 NEWCASTLE (0) 2
Barmby 61 (pen) — Beardsley 55, 90
30,780

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 WEST HAM (1) 2
Holdsworth 82 — Chapman 45, 79
10,903

Yesterday

BLACKBURN (1) 2 CHELSEA (0) 0
Le Saux 15 Shearer 89
15,736

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Man Utd	18	7	3	0	21	8	7	0	1	16	7	45
2 Leeds	18	7	1	1	21	11	2	5	2	11	10	33
3 Blackburn	18	5	3	2	12	8	4	2	2	12	8	32
4 Newcastle	18	6	1	2	20	6	3	3	3	14	12	31
5 Arsenal	18	5	2	2	12	7	3	4	2	5	3	30
6 Aston Villa	18	4	1	3	8	7	4	5	1	13	10	30
7 Norwich	17	2	3	2	3	4	5	4	1	24	14	28
8 QPR	18	5	3	1	19	11	3	1	5	12	14	28
9 Liverpool	17	6	1	2	15	7	2	1	5	10	12	26
10 West Ham	18	4	3	2	8	7	3	2	4	7	10	26
11 Everton	18	4	1	4	10	13	3	2	4	10	10	24
12 Sheff Wed	18	3	5	2	18	13	2	3	3	12	13	23
13 Coventry	18	4	4	2	9	8	1	4	3	9	12	23
14 Tottenham	18	3	4	2	14	9	2	3	4	9	11	22
15 Wimbledon	18	3	4	2	11	9	2	3	4	9	17	22
16 Ipswich	18	3	4	3	8	11	2	3	3	8	11	22
17 Man City	18	1	4	3	10	12	2	3	5	8	11	16
18 Sheff Utd	18	3	3	2	11	9	0	4	6	7	19	16
19 Oldham	18	1	4	3	8	13	2	2	6	4	15	15
20 Chelsea	18	3	2	4	7	8	0	3	6	4	13	14
21 Southmptn	18	3	1	4	12	14	1	1	8	6	15	14
22 Swindon	18	1	4	5	9	19	0	3	5	5	19	10

Rovers 4; Ware 0, Collier Row 0; Witham Town 1, Banstead Athletic 1. Third division: Bracknell Town 3, Horsham 0; Clapton 3, Leighton Town 0; East Thurrock Utd 1, Oxford City 1; Epsom and Ewell 0, Cheshunt 1; Feltham and Hounslow B 0, Harrow Town 0; Flackwell Heath 1, Kingsbury Town 4; Harefield Utd 1, Camberley Town 0; Hertford Town 1, Northwood 0; Royston Town 1, Southall 0; Tring Town 5, Hornchurch 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 0, Hednesford 2; Cambridge City 1, Farnborough 5; Chelmsford 3, Trowbridge 1; Cheltenham 1, Burton 0; Dorchester v Gloucester, match postponed; Gresley Rovers 2, Waterlooville 1; Solihull 2, Hastings 2; Worcester 1, Sittingbourne 1. Midland division: Bilston Town 0, Weston-super-Mare 6; Bridgnorth Town 5, Armitage 0; Clevedon Town 2, Hinckley Town 2; Forest Green Rovers 1, RC Warwick 0; Grantham Town 1, Evesham Utd 1; King's Lynn 2, Redditch Utd 3; Newport AFC 4, Stourbridge 0; Rushden and Diamonds 2, Dudley Town 1; Sutton Coldfield

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BRISTOL C (0) 0 MIDDLESBORO (0) 0
8,441

CHARLTON (0) 1 LUTON (0) 0
Chapple 59
7,121

GRIMSBY (0) 2 BARNSLEY (2) 2
Dobbin 59 Watson 63 — Payton 12 Redfearn 40
8,123

NOTTM FOR (1) 1 BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
Woyle 32 (og)
22,061

OXFORD U (0) 0 MILLWALL (0) 2
Jackson 46 (og) Verveer 89
5,540

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 SUNDERLAND (1) 1
Smith 45
11,891

STOKE (0) 2 WATFORD (0) 0
Bannister 53 Regis 64
13,465

Yesterday

C PALACE (0) 1 N COUNTY (1) 2
Osborn 47 — Devlin 40, 67
12,642

SOUTHEND (0) 0 LEICESTER (0) 0
6,114

WOLVERHMPTN (1) 2 DERBY (1) 2
Bull 45, Kelly 90 — Gabbiadini 40, 62
16,900

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Charlton	19	7	2	1	17	5	4	3	2	8	9	38
2 Tranmere	20	8	1	1	23	10	3	3	4	10	12	37
3 Southend	19	5	3	1	17	6	5	1	4	17	16	34
4 C Palace	18	6	2	1	18	7	4	1	4	17	14	33
5 Millwall	20	6	3	1	18	10	3	3	4	9	15	33
6 Leicester	18	5	2	1	18	9	4	2	4	9	8	31
7 Derby	19	7	0	2	21	13	2	3	5	10	19	30
8 Stoke	19	6	0	3	13	9	3	3	4	16	22	30
9 Bristol City	20	5	3	2	14	8	3	3	4	11	13	30
10 Nottm Forest	19	4	3	2	14	12	4	2	4	15	13	29
11 Portsmouth	19	5	2	2	14	9	2	5	3	13	19	28
12 Notts Co	19	7	1	1	18	8	1	1	8	8	23	26
13 Wolvrhmptn	19	3	6	1	17	11	2	4	3	14	12	25
14 Middlesbro	18	3	3	3	13	8	3	3	3	12	12	24
15 Bolton	18	4	2	2	13	9	2	3	5	11	16	23
16 Grimsby	18	2	6	1	11	6	2	3	6	13	17	21
17 Luton	19	5	0	4	16	11	1	2	7	7	16	20
18 Birmingham	19	4	3	4	13	16	1	2	5	6	12	20
19 Sunderland	19	5	1	4	15	11	1	1	7	4	19	20
20 West Brom	17	5	3	2	23	16	0	1	6	5	14	19
21 Oxford Utd	19	4	2	3	15	13	1	2	7	9	22	19
22 Watford	18	4	3	3	16	16	1	1	6	8	19	19
23 Barnsley	20	1	2	7	9	19	3	3	4	16	20	17
24 Peterboro	18	3	4	3	12	10	0	2	6	4	16	15

Tn 2, Yate Town 2; Tamworth 2, Leicester Utd 1. Southern division: Baldock Town 4, Burnham 0; Dunstable 1, Tonbridge AFC 4; Erith and Belvedere 0, Buckingham Town 2; Gravesend and Northfleet 1, Fisher 93 5; Margate 2, Bury Town 2; Salisbury City 1, Ashford Town 2; Wealdstone 2, Fareham T 2; Witney Town 0, Canterbury City 0.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 8, Newry 0; Ballyclare 2, Portadown 0; Ballymena 1, Bangor 2; Carrick 1, Glentoran 2; Coleraine 0, Cliftonville 0; Crusaders 2, Glenavon 4; Distillery 2, Linfield 2; Omagh Town 1, Larne 0.

Second division

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 HARTLEPL (0) 1
Griffiths 23 (pen), 61 — Stoneman 71 (og)
3,130

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Reading	18	7	2	0	20	8	5	2	2	23	13	40
2 Stockport	18	8	0	1	23	5	4	3	2	11	10	39
3 Bristol Rov	18	5	3	1	15	9	5	1	3	10	8	34
4 Blackpool	19	8	1	1	22	11	2	2	5	13	17	33
5 Burnley	18	8	1	0	24	9	2	1	6	8	14	32
6 Plymouth	18	8	2	1	19	9	3	2	4	16	16	31
7 Port Vale	17	6	2	1	23	9	3	2	3	10	10	31
8 Hull	18	5	2	2	15	8	4	1	4	16	20	30
9 Brentford	18	4	3	2	9	7	3	3	3	10	9	27
10 Bradford	18	5	1	3	16	11	2	3	4	12	18	25
11 Leyton O	18	4	3	2	13	9	3	1	5	9	17	25
12 Exeter	18	5	2	2	23	16	1	4	4	7	18	24
13 Wrexham	18	5	3	1	22	12	1	3	5	6	17	24
14 Cambridge U	18	4	2	3	13	10	2	3	4	12	17	23
15 Swansea	18	5	3	1	18	9	1	2	6	5	17	23
16 Bournemth	18	5	3	1	10	9	3	2	3	8	9	23
17 York	18	3	2	4	12	10	3	2	4	9	11	22
18 Rotherham	18	2	3	4	12	15	2	3	4	11	18	18
19 Cardiff	17	2	3	3	16	15	1	5	3	10	18	17
20 Huddersfield	18	2	3	4	7	12	2	2	5	10	15	17
21 Hartlepool	19	3	1	5	8	10	1	3	6	8	15	16
22 Fulham	18	1	2	6	7	13	3	1	5	12	15	15
23 Brighton	18	1	5	3	7	11	2	1	6	8	19	15
24 Barnet	18	1	1	7	8	15	1	1	7	8	26	8

Autoglass Trophy

Second round

WREXHAM (0) 0 COLCHESTR (0) 1
McDonough 87
1,860

YORK (0) 1 MANSFIELD (0) 1
McCarthy 63 — Reed 84
1,760
(aet; Mansfield won 5-4 on pens)

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 2, Horwich 1; Bridlington 0, Morecambe 4; Buxton 2, Emley 2; Chorley 0, Marine 4; Colwyn Bay 2, Accrington Stanley 2; Droylsden 0, Barrow 0; Knowsley Utd 1, Bishop Auckland 1; Matlock 5, Gainsborough 2; Whitley Bay 0, Leek 4; Winsford 1, Frickley 0. First Division: Farsley 4, Netherfield 5; Mossley 1, Radcliffe 0. First division cup: Bamber 1, Congleton 0; Curzon Ashton 2, Alfreton 2; Gt Harwood 2, Worksop 3; Poole 0, Harrogate 0; Lancaster 1, Guiseley 1; Warrington 1, Spennymoor 2; Ashton 2, Workington 1.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 3, Mold 1; Alan Lido 2, Conwy 2; Briton Ferry 2, Holywell 4; Cwmbran 4, Caersws 1; Ebbw Vale 0, Newtown 2; Flint Town Utd 4, Haverfordwest 0; Inter Cardiff 5, Porthmadog 4; Llansantffraid 1, Ton Pentre 4; Maesteg Park 0, Bangor 3.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 0, Brigg 0; Belper 4, Liversedge 0; Eccleshill 3, Ossett Albion 3; Lincoln Utd 3, Denaby 0; N Ferriby 1, Pickering 2; Ossett Town 1, Thackley 1; Pontefract 0, Stocksbridge 2; Sheffield 4, Glasshoughton 2; Winterton 1, Maltby 6.

GM Vauxhall Conference

DOVER (0) 0 SLOUGH (0) 0
1,195

GATESHEAD (0) 0 STAFFORD (0) 0
470

NORTHWICH (1) 1 MERTHYR (0) 2
Donnelly 42 — Coates 60 Benbow 75
670

RUNCORN (2) 3 SOUTHPRT (0) 0
McKenna 7, 17 Thomas 78
603

WELLING (1) 2 KETTERING (0) 0
Robbins 27 (pen), 51
924

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Kettering	16	4	3	0	7	2	4	3	2	10	5	30
2 Southport	18	4	4	1	15	11	4	2	3	14	13	30
3 Kidderminstr	18	6	2	1	11	3	3	1	5	12	15	30
4 Dover	17	7	1	1	16	5	2	1	5	8	12	29
5 Welling	16	4	2	3	9	7	3	3	1	9	5	26
6 Bath	17	3	3	4	10	14	3	4	0	10	2	25
7 Runcorn	17	6	1	2	21	12	0	6	2	10	15	25
8 Merthyr	18	3	5	0	13	5	2	4	4	13	16	24
9 Slough	19	5	1	3	15	12	1	5	4	4	10	24
10 Stafford	17	5	1	3	19	13	1	4	3	8	13	23
11 Macclesfield	17	4	2	3	17	11	3	0	5	9	18	23
12 Woking	16	5	2	2	15	11	1	3	3	6	14	23
13 Yeovil	16	4	2	3	13	9	1	4	4	10	17	21
14 Dag & Red	14	4	3	0	15	7	1	2	4	5	12	20
15 Northwich	17	2	5	1	8	7	2	3	4	7	16	20
16 Gateshead	15	2	3	1	8	5	3	1	5	12	18	19
17 Witton	16	3	4	2	12	11	1	3	5	4	12	19
18 Halifax	17	2	5	1	14	8	1	4	4	14	21	18
19 Bromsgrove	14	1	4	2	12	11	3	1	3	10	13	17
20 Altrincham	16	2	3	3	6	9	1	2	5	5	10	14
21 Stalybridge	13	1	3	3	6	10	0	5	1	4	5	11
22 Telford	14	0	4	2	6	9	1	2	5	5	15	9

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Frome Town 3, Bideford 1; Paulton Rovers 3, Calne Town 0; Taunton Town 4, Odd Down 0; Tiverton Town 5, Exmouth Town 0; Torrington 3, Crediton Utd 0; Westbury Utd 3, Elmore 1; Chippenham Town 0, Saltash Utd 3.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Lamot Pils Trophy: Ashton Town 5, Irlam Town 0; Nelson 2, Haslingden 5. First division: Atherton 1, Bacup 0; Bradford Avenue 2, Clitheroe 3; Chadderton v Eastwood, match postponed; Nantwich 4, Bootle 0; Newcastle 3, Blackpool 0; Penrith 0, Burscough 3; Rossendale 5, Kidsgrove 1; Salford 1, Maine Road 0; Skelmersdale 3, Flixton 2; St Helens 2, Darwen 0.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Charlton 0, Chelsea 5; Fulham 2, Ipswich 1; Millwall 4, Watford 3; Norwich 0, Cambridge Utd 1; Portsmouth 3, Leyton Orient 1; Southend 3, QPR 4; Tottenham 4, Gillingham 1; West Ham 1, Arsenal 3. Second division: Bournemouth 2, Bristol City 4; Brentford 2, Tottenham 0; Bristol Rovers 5, Luton 0; Colchester 4, Brighton 1; Crystal Palace 1, Reading 1; Southampton 0, Oxford Utd 2; Swindon 5, Wimbledon 0.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Carshalton 3, Civil Service 1; NatWest Bank 1, Crouch End Vampires 1; South Bank Poly 7, Lensbury 1; Old

Scottish League

Premier division

CELTIC (0) 1 ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
McGinlay 68
16,751

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 KILMARNOCK (0) 0
7,100

HEARTS (1) 1 ABERDEEN (0) 1
Colquhoun 6 — Shearer 75
9,402

MOTHERWELL (0) 0 RANGERS (1) 2
Durie 37, 61
14,069

PARTICK (1) 3 DUNDEE (1) 2
Taylor 12 Craig 59, 75 (pen) — Tosh 33 Dodds 90
3,595

RAITH (1) 1 HIBS (2) 2
Graham 28 — Wright 21 Findlay 34
4,407

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Rangers	21	5	2	3	17	12	5	5	1	15	9	27
2 Celtic	21	5	5	1	12	4	3	4	3	14	12	25
3 Motherwell	20	6	3	2	15	9	4	2	3	9	9	25
4 Aberdeen	20	6	4	0	16	3	1	6	3	9	12	24
5 Hibernian	21	5	3	2	12	8	3	4	4	14	16	23
6 Kilmarnock	21	2	8	2	9	9	4	4	3	10	9	22
7 Dundee Utd	20	3	7	1	12	10	1	5	3	7	12	20
8 Partick	21	4	4	3	14	11	1	5	4	12	17	19
9 Hearts	20	4	4	2	11	9	1	5	4	3	7	19
10 St Johnstone	21	3	3	4	13	14	1	5	5	4	12	16
11 Raith	20	2	5	3	12	17	1	4	5	11	20	15
12 Dundee	20	3	3	3	11	10	1	0	10	8	19	11

Actonians 1, Norseman 3; Old Bromleians 2, Alexandra Park 4; Lloyds Bank 1, Broomfield 1; Kew Association 2, Old Parkonians 1; Polytechnic 6, Southgate Olympic 0; East Barnet OG 1, Old Latymerians 1; Royal Bank Scotland 2, Old Westminster Ctz 6; Cuaco 3, Brentham 1; Reigate Priory 0, Old Parmiterians 4; Bank of England 3, Merton 0; Old Lyonians 0, Barclays Bank 2; Alleyn OB 2, Old Salesians 2.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City 2, Shamrock Rovers 2; Dundalk 2, Derry City 2; Galway Utd 4, Cobh Ramblers 0; Monaghan Utd 0, Limerick 0; St Patrick's Ath 2, Shelbourne 2; Bohemians 0, Drogheda Utd 1.

GERMANY: First division: Duisburg 1, Dynamo Dresden 1.

SPAIN: First division: Barcelona 2, Logroñes 2; Real Valladolid 2, Tenerife 0; Deportivo Coruña 1, Racing Santander 0; Real Oviedo 1, Atlético Madrid 1; Sevilla 1, Sporting Gijon 2; Real Sociedad 2, Celta 1; Albacete 3, Valencia 1; Real Zaragoza 4, Rayo Vallecano 1; Osasuna 1, Lerida 0.

HOLLAND: First division: FC Groningen 1, Sparta Rotterdam 4; FC Volendam 2, Vitesse Arnhem 0; Feyenoord Rotterdam 1, FC Utrecht 1; FC Twente Enschede 2, Roda JC Kerkrade 1; VVV Venlo 1, Cambuur Leeuwarden 0; Willem II Tilburg 4, RKC Waalwijk 1. Saturday: Go Ahead Eagles 2, MVV Maastricht 2; NAC Breda 2, PSV Eindhoven 2.

BELGIUM: First division: FC Bruges 2, RC Genk 1; Ekeren 1, FC Seraing 2. Saturday: Anderlecht 2, Ghent 1; Beveren 0, Molenbeek 0; Charleroi 6, FC Liège 4; Standard Liège 2, Waregem 0; Lierse 1, Antwerp 1; Lommel 5, Cercle Bruges 1.

ITALY: First division: Atalanta 1, Lazio 1; Cremonese 4, Piacenza 0; Foggia 2, Udinese 2; Juventus 1, Napoli 0; Lecce 1, Internazionale 3; Milan 1, Torino 0; Reggiana 3, Cagliari 1; Roma 2, Parma 0.

PORTUGAL: Cup, Fourth round: Benfica 4, Estoril 0; Sporting 4, Leca 3.

First division

AYR (0) 1 HAMILTON (0) 1
McGivern 45 — Campbell 47
1,508

CLYDE (0) 0 ST MIRREN (1) 1
1,540 — Lavety 31

CLYDEBANK (1) 3 BRECHIN (0) 2
Harris 32 Flannigan 69, 83 — Millar 49 McNeill 75
701

FALKIRK (0) 1 DUMBARTON (1) 1
Hughes 53 — Mooney 22
3,304

MORTON (0) 0 DUNFRMLNE (0) 0
1,519

STIRLING (0) 0 AIRDRIE (4) 4
Kirkwood 30 (pen) Ferguson 31 — Caesar 34 McKenna 40 (og)
1,453

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Airdrie	21	8	4	1	18	9	6	1	3	17	10	29
2 Clydebank	21	6	3	1	18	11	5	3	3	19	10	28
3 Falkirk	20	6	2	2	17	12	5	4	1	18	8	28
4 Dunfermline	19	7	0	2	26	9	4	3	3	15	10	25
5 St Mirren	21	4	1	5	8	11	5	4	2	17	13	23
6 Hamilton	20	6	2	2	21	10	2	4	4	11	18	22
7 Ayr	20	3	4	4	10	13	4	2	3	8	7	20
8 Stirling	20	5	2	3	15	15	3	1	6	11	19	19
9 Dumbarton	21	3	3	5	14	17	4	1	5	12	14	18
10 Morton	21	2	5	4	11	15	1	3	6	10	22	14
11 Clyde	21	3	2	5	9	11	1	2	8	8	22	12
12 Brechin	21	3	1	6	8	18	0	1	10	5	24	8

Second division

ALBION (1) 1 E STIRLING (3) 5
Scott 34 — Robertson 10 Geraghty 11, 87 Tierney 37 Geraghey 78
224

BERWICK (2) 2 STNHSMUIR (1) 1
Cunningham 10, 27 — Steel 33
396

COWDENBEATH (0) 0 ARBROATH (0) 1
290 — Sorbie 82

FORFAR (0) 1 E FIFE (0) 0
McPhee 78
652

MEADOWBK (1) 1 ALLOA (0) 1
McLeod 7 — McCormick 50
288

MONTROSE (2) 2 Q OF SOUTH (0) 1
Kennedy 8, 25 — Thomson 67 (pen)
465

STRANRAER (0) 2 QUEENS PK (0) 0
Grant 68 Sloan 76
760

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Stranraer	18	8	0	1	22	9	4	3	2	11	8	27
2 Alloa	17	4	2	2	5	3	5	3	1	15	10	23
3 Meadowbk	18	4	4	1	18	10	4	1	4	12	13	21
4 Stenhsemr	18	5	3	1	17	7	4	0	5	10	15	21
5 East Fife	18	5	2	2	22	14	4	0	5	10	12	20
6 Berwick	18	4	3	2	17	10	2	3	4	11	13	18
7 Forfar	17	3	3	4	11	13	4	1	2	13	8	18
8 Qn Of South	18	4	0	5	20	14	3	3	3	15	13	17
9 East Stirling	18	3	1	5	15	20	3	4	2	14	14	17
10 Arbroath	18	3	3	3	16	16	3	1	5	7	14	16
11 Montrose	18	3	1	4	7	9	3	2	5	18	23	15
12 Albion	18	1	2	6	6	15	3	3	3	11	11	13
13 Cowdenbth	18	0	2	7	8	17	4	2	3	14	15	12
14 Queen's Pk	18	3	3	3	12	13	0	3	6	9	26	12

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	2	1½	2½	2½	1½	2	1½	1½	2	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	2½	2½	2	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	2½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	3	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	3	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½

FORECAST: Telephone claims required for 23 and 23½ points. The dividend forecast is very good with seven jackpot draws, six high-score draws and six no-score draws. Pools panel match: 30 Dorchester v Gloucester, away win.

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Kingston proves final point to rival

By John Goodbody

DANNY Kingston confirmed his supremacy of Britain's judo lightweights when he took the national individual title at Crystal Palace on Saturday. Kingston, Britain's most impressive male competitor at the world championships two months ago, was trailing Ian Freeman, the European junior championships bronze medal-winner, in the final, but then produced a stunning winding technique to hurl his Camberley clubmate to the mat.

Unless one of the 20-year-olds can be persuaded to move weight classes, the two seem destined to have a career-long struggle to be Britain's representative at the major championships, when only one fighter per category from each country is allowed. Kingston, however, insisted that it is not going to be him.

"I am staying as a lightweight," he said. "I'm only 2½ kilos over the weight limit and would have to add another seven or eight kilos to compete as a light-middleweight." Freeman has only this year come up from the featherweight class because he could no longer make the 65kg limit.

Among the women, Joyce Heron, of Rosyth, continued the extraordinary return to the sport which brought her a world championship bronze medal this year when she beat Philippa Gemmell in the bantamweight final. The Scottish fighter, 29, retired at 16 when Scottish junior champion, was a nurse, married and had two daughters before returning to judo. She only got into the British team this year.

Sharon Rendle, the Olympic bronze medal-winner, suffered a rare defeat in the featherweight final, losing to Debbie Allan, also from Camberley, on a decision.

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MARC ASPLAND



Striding out, Emma Coleman, the 1991 winner for Cambridge now running for Oxford, was never headed in the women's University cross-country race at Wimbledon

Coleman collects university double first

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

EMMA Coleman became the first runner to win the University cross-country race for both Oxford and Cambridge when she triumphed in the women's race on Wimbledon Common on Saturday. Coleman, in her first year at Oxford after four years at Cambridge, led from start to finish, repeating her triumph of 1991.

Coleman covered the 2.9 miles in 17min 00sec. Her nearest challenger was Mara Myers, her team captain, 19 seconds adrift. Oxford's victory in the team race, the eighteenth women's match between the universities, closed the gap on Cambridge to 10-8.

Coleman was a member of the British team that won the world students' cross-country title in France last year, and she hopes to try for a second gold medal in Ireland next April. Team selection is based on the students' championships in Durham in February.

The 103rd Oxford v Cambridge men's race was won by Ian Harkness, bringing to an end a sequence of seven victories by Oxford runners. Harkness recorded 38min 54sec for the 7½ miles, finishing 30 seconds clear of his Cambridge colleague, Charles Addison.

A clear-cut team victory by Cambridge made the series score 52-51 in Oxford's favour, for a match first staged in 1880. Just over a month after winning the World Cup marathon, Richard Nerurkar, an Oxford graduate and a past winner of the main event, won the old blues' race.

RESULTS: Men (7.5 miles): 1, I Harkness (Cambridge), 38min 54sec; 2, C Addison (Cambridge), 39:24; 3, D Clark (Cambridge), 40:18. Teams: Cambridge 25, Oxford 59. Women (2.9 miles): 1, E Coleman (Oxford), 17:00; 2, M Myers (Oxford), 17:19; 3, R Lennox (Cambridge), 18:02. Teams: Oxford 14, Cambridge 22. Old Blues (3.9 miles): 1, R Nerurkar (Oxford), 19.51; 2, S Nash (Cambridge), 20.15; 3, D Banton (Cambridge), 20.57. Teams: Oxford bt Cambridge, 3-2

Stich becomes latest German hero

From Stuart Jones
Tennis Correspondent
in Düsseldorf

THE Davis Cup final, which had been developing into an improbably protracted struggle, was brought to a swift conclusion here yesterday. Michael Stich spent only an hour and 41 minutes in claiming the victory Germany required to be sure of regaining the trophy. They eventually did so 4-1.

The suspense built up during more than 13 hours of play on Friday and Saturday was suddenly dissipated. Stich completed the breakdown of the Australian resistance and established himself as his own nation's new figurehead.

He has assumed the role vacated by Boris Becker, who led them to their only previous Davis Cup triumphs, in 1988 and 1989. This year Becker chose to concentrate on his individual ranking. His plan failed and, as his stature has diminished, Stich's has increased, particularly at home.

He has won the German Open in Hamburg, the ATP world championship in Frankfurt and all three of his matches here. Tomorrow he will take his aura of invincibility to Munich, where he is to open his defence of the Grand Slam Cup. Will his stamina last, though?

He was already complaining of weariness on Friday before he suppressed Jason Stoltenberg, a feat that took him three and a half hours. On Saturday he was involved for another four hours, carrying Patrick Kuhnen to victory over Todd Woodbride and Mark Woodforde, the world's No 1 doubles players.

The German pair, comparative part-timers, ceaselessly sought assurance from each other. After every point, they exchanged high-fives, a gesture so ritualistic that they touched hands even after one of them had served a double fault. Yesterday, Stich restricted himself to relatively discreet punches of the air.

Rather than bending under the strain against Richard Fromberg, he was inspired by the occasion, and decorated the afternoon with a complete repertoire of shots.

As if just for the sheer fun of it, he threw in a few drop shots launched with stunning precision from behind the base line.

He conceded a mere 11 points on his service, broke Fromberg with remorseless efficiency early in each set and finished with appropriate aplomb, registering his tenth and eleventh aces.

In the potentially unnerving circumstances, his exhibition of power and delicacy was a remarkable tribute to his all-round ability.

Stich was surprised by the ease of his victory. "I didn't expect it to be so easy," he said, "but perhaps Richard was tired as well." Niki Pilic, the German team captain, expressed admiration for the spirit of his players. "Thank God," he said, "that we had players who could perform under pressure."

Fromberg, the 6ft 5in Tasmanian, had endured a similarly testing experience before, against the United States, three years ago. He extended Andre Agassi to five sets before losing, and in a rubber that was by then meaningless, beat Michael Chang. Fromberg had kept the Australians in contention by recovering from a two-set deficit and saving five match points against Marc Goellner to level the score on Friday.

Stich's decisive victory rescued Goellner from a fearful finale. The German second string, freed of responsibility, beat Stoltenberg in a match reduced to the best of three sets and restored some of the self-esteem he had lost.

Neale Fraser, the Australia captain for 23 years, announced that he was retiring.

RESULTS (German names first): M Stich bt J Stoltenberg, 6-7, 6-3, 8-1, 4-6, 6-3; M Goellner lost to R Fromberg, 6-3, 7-6, 6-7, 6-2, 9-7; Stich and P Kuhnen bt T Woodbridge and M Woodforde, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; Stich bt Fromberg, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; Goellner bt Stoltenberg, 6-1, 6-7, 7-6.

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Company Number 1662891
UNITED DISTILLERS (DUTY FREE) LIMITED (formerly GUINNESS DISTILLERS GROUP (DUTY FREE) LIMITED and H D DAVIS & COMPANY LIMITED)
Company Number 837889
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE NAMED COMPANIES
On 2 December 1993 the above named companies were placed in Members' Voluntary Liquidation and John Francis Sodan of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to the liquidator at the above address by 10 January 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The companies are able to pay all known creditors in full.
Dated 2 December 1993
John Francis Sodan, Liquidator

Church Lane Motors Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Chantrey Vellacott, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF on 17 December 1993 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London WC1B 5LF between 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
Dated 27 November 1993
By Order of the Board
Thomas Randell, Director

D I BEDFORD (1986) LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trivet House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Friday the 17th December 1993, at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, Trivet House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on from Wednesday 15th December 1993.
Dated this 29th day of November 1993.
P A WHITELEY, Director.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE NO. 1949 of 1993
IN BANKRUPTCY RE:STANLEY FLASHMAN
of Red Roofs, 11 Belmont Close, Totteridge, London N20 8DT and lately carrying on business as "Stan's Ticket Agency", & Acton Street, London WC1X 9LX as a ticket agent. L. Alan Bedford Price, of Cassels Beckinsale & Partners, Holman House, 155 Grover Street, London W1E 6BJ, hereby give notice that I have been appointed as trustee of the above-named bankrupt against whom a bankruptcy order was made on 16 August 1993. All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver them to me, and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me. Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs of debt to me by 16 January 1994, failing which they may be excluded from any subsequent dividend declared.
A R PRICE, TRUSTEE

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AVC TECHNICAL SERVICES GROUP LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH on the 7th day of January 1994 at 10.10am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a liquidation committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.
NOTICE is also given that, for the purposes of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which they estimate it.
A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above-named company may be inspected at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated 1 Dec 1993
Philip W Arkless
Secretary

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HOUSE AGENT HOLDINGS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH on the 7th day of January 1994 at 10.55am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a liquidation committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.
NOTICE is also given that, for the purposes of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which they estimate it.
A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above-named company may be inspected at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated 1 Dec 1993
Philip W Arkless
Secretary

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
APPRAISAL AND VALUATION CONSULTANTS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH on the 7th day of January 1994 at 10.05am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a liquidation committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.
NOTICE is also given that, for the purposes of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which they estimate it.
A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above-named company may be inspected at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated 1 Dec 1993
Philip W Arkless
Secretary

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
B & C PROPERTIES (MANAGEMENT) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH on the 7th day of January 1994 at 10.30am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a liquidation committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.
NOTICE is also given that, for the purposes of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which they estimate it.
A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above-named company may be inspected at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated 1 Dec 1993
Philip W Arkless
Secretary

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No.002929 of 1993
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF EAST HEALTHCARE LIMITED
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 14 October 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £1,478,875 to £1,000,000
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday the 18th day of December 1993
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 30th day of November 1993
Campbell Hooper
35 Old Queen Street
London
SW1H9 JD
Solicitors for the above named Company

No.009778 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE MERSEY DOCKS AND HARBOUR COMPANY
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition dated the 5th November 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £56,000,000
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London on Wednesday the 12th day of January 1994
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
DATED this 3rd day of December 1993
LINKLATERS & PAINES (MSB)
Barrington House
59-67 Gresham Street
London EC2V 7JA
Solicitors for the Company

WHITTON TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
Registered Number: 2116923.
Nature of Business: Mechanical Eng Not Elsewhere Spec. Trade Classification: 3490. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 23 November 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers): Fennoscandia Bank Limited. Names of persons appointed: S.V. Freakley and L.A. Manning both of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF. (Office Holder Nos: 8291 and 6477).

No 009301 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of Den Norske Bank plc
and
IN THE MATTER of the Companies Act 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the order of the High Court of Justice dated the 17th day of November 1993 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company and the cancellation of the share premium account and the Minute approved by the High Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 25 November 1993.
Dated 6 December 1993
FRESHFIELDS of 65 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1HS. Solicitors for the above named Company.

No.005098 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF FLOATING POINT SYSTEMS UK LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 24th November 1993, confirmed the reduction of the capital of the Company from £2,500,000 to £495,176 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies December 1993
Dated this day of December 1993
CARRINGTON, Vale House, Wharf Road, Ash Vale, Surrey, GU12 5AR
Solicitors for the above named Company

THE BRAMBER ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED
T/A BRAMBER TRAILERS, TRAILER WORKS, TREORCHY, RHONDDA, MID GLAMORGAN, CF42 6EF. COMPANY NUMBER 142884 THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, that the Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the Friendly Hotel, Junction 32/M4, Mount Pleasant, Tonyrwnlais, Cardiff, on Thursday the 9th day of December 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection 2(b)(i) of the Insolvency Act, Mr I Clark of Clark & Co, P O Box 30, 8 Hall Road, Winslow, Cheshire, CW7 2UJ, is a qualified insolvency practitioner and during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held, will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Dated this 25th day of November 1993. D Blake Director.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GUNNETOOLIM LIMITED
OIL EXPLORATION LIMITED
ULTRAMAR PRODUCTS LIMITED
LASMO CONROD AND TOBAGO) LIMITED
LASMO SHIPPING LIMITED
LASMO (NORTH SEA) LIMITED
(ALL IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
I. David John Pullen of Ernst & Young, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 hereby give notice that on 30 November 1993 I was appointed Liquidator of the above named companies.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above companies are required, on or before 11 January 1994, to send in their full names and addresses, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to me and if so required by notice in writing from me, are personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
NB This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Date 30 November 1993
D J Pullen
Liquidator

WHITTON GROUP PLC
Registered Number:2411912.
Nature of Business: MFG Aerospace/Electronic/Radar. Trade Classifications: 3850 & 3670. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers): 23 November 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers): Fennoscandia Bank Limited. Name of persons appointed: S V Freakley and L A Manning both of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF. (Office Holder Nos: 8291 and 6477).

No 007314 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE GIEVES GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 17th day of November 1993 confirming the reduction of capital of the Company from £7,750,000 to £5,472,500 was registered by the Register of Companies on 22nd November 1993.
Dated this 26th day of November 1993
McKenna & Co of Mitre House, 160 Aldersgate Street, London, EC1A 4DD
Solicitors for The Gieves Group Plc

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
RENMARK HOMES PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 16 December 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of PIPA 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (b) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 29 day of November 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P.N. TAYLOR, DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Milford Plasterers Limited
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Eric John Stanham, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HH, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 26 November 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Date:29th November 1993
E J Stanham, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
FLEETCOURTS LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Eric John Stanham, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Barrat House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HH, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 24 November 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Date: 29 November 1993
E J Stanham, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
MARLINGWORTH LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MAURICE RAYMOND DORRINGTON, of POPPLETON & APPLEBY, 4 CHARTERHOUSE SQUARE, LONDON, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors 29th November 1993.
Dated this 29th day of November 1993.
M.R. DORRINGTON Liquidator

WIMPEY ARENA DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
Registered Number: 2544911.
Nature of business: Property Development Company. Trade classification: 35. Date of appointment of administrative receiverS: 19 November 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receiverS: Credit Lyonnais. Philip Anthony Roberts and Alan David Kennington Joint Administrative Receivers. (Office Holder Nos: A D Kennington 6458, P A Roberts: 6058) of Haines Watts, 4/8 Tabernacle Street, LONDON EC2A 4LU.

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Lack of roots leaves another fastest-growing sport short



Simon Barnes reports from Sheffield Arena on ice hockey's showpiece cup final

Ice hockey is the fastest-growing sport in Britain. Ain't they all? "As one of the fastest, most exciting games played in Britain, we look forward to a bright future where ice hockey ranks alongside other leading sports."

So says Peter Veen, of Benson and Hedges, which has, we are told, so far chucked £400,000 at ice hockey in just two years. Ice hockey has not ducked. On Saturday, ice hockey had its showpiece, its cup final, when Murrayfield Racers beat Cardiff Devils 6-2.

The sponsors even expressed "sincere thanks to our friends in the media for their continued interest and support", and that is not something you get every day. Not if you cover major sports, anyway. It was a pleasant change, but a bit of a give-away all the same.

For the ice hockey boom turns out to be a trifle underwhelming. The sport itself is all right. The cup final was a ragout of skill, speed and physical confrontation, all heavily spiced with essence of anorak.

As with so many fastest-growing-sports-in-Britain, it is tinged with a faint but persistent hogo of anorak.

Sheffield Arena was about half-full. The air was wholly filled with sudden, short, vicious blasts of pop music and feeble little football chants from 16-year-old girls, all stunning their growth with cigarettes. Lessgo-Darevils-lessgo.

Ice hockey has been the fastest growing sport in Britain for as long as I can remember: it still seems to be about the same size. Doubtless there are stats to show I am wrong.

I expect there are also stats to show that ice hockey is about ready to knock football into a cocked hat. But if so, these stats are liars.

The game was all right. Stunning performance from Moray Hanson in the Racers goal: his first-period saves gave Murrayfield an edge they were always too smart to relinquish. Two goals each from Tony Hand and Chris Palmer. Jolly good.

"We've got a great game here," said the Racers manager, who is called, and I swear I did not make this up, Rocky Saganiuk. He added: "We are only a small step away from making it." True enough. But that step will not, I think, be taken.

Sports are not commodities to be marketed. They also have a weird cultural significance. You can market things via sport but you cannot market sport itself. Not in any permanent way. It just does not seem to work that way. Sports need roots and these take a long time to grow. It is hard to displace a sport with roots. Take football. Post-Heysel, post-Hillsborough, many people wished never to watch a match again. Other sports, like American football, soared in popularity, a pleasant exoticism, a vacuum that needed filling. Chicago Bears, the Refrigerator; what a relief. Now, in the post-Taylor-Report, post-Gazza period, football is as strong as it has ever been in the television age. Cricket, racing, tennis, rugby, all these sports with roots still dominate the sporting mind. Of course exoticisms are pleasing, interesting, diverting. We have crazes with them, like Mr Toad, swapping boating for canary-coloured carts and carts for poop-pooping motor cars. But they do not last. Only the anorak wearers stay with them for long. We revel in passing manias for spectator sports, television sports, participant sports.

JOHN GICHIGI/ALLSPORT



McEwen, left, of Cardiff, and Morris, of Murrayfield

Orienteering. Skateboarding. Marathon running. The jogging boom soared, peaked and fell back to a sustainable plateau. Televised squash.

American football, which was supposed to sweep the country and has now lost its Sunday prime-time slot. Great game, yes, but it lacks roots in this country.

America's Cup-style racing was supposed to take over from Formula One. Televised squash, in glass cages with glowing balls, was going to take the sport up there with tennis. Sumo: now that was fun.

Roller skating and street hockey were rather unamusing. Frisbee, BMX bicycles ditto. Southern-based rugby league had its moments.

For these things have their moments or their day: a pleasant craze, they can be delightful and rewarding, enthralling, wonderful, fun. But they do not have staying power.

Take some of the fads at present. IndyCar has been an intriguing novelty of the sporting year. Televised Italian football is a splendid exoticism for Sunday afternoons.

Triathlon believes it can conquer sporting hearts and minds. And they brought us Shaquille O'Neal to sell shoes and to tell us that basketball was the next socko-boffo sporting attraction. Fastest growing sport in Britain, basketball.

Actually, the fastest growing sport in the country, in terms of following at the very least, is rugby union, an old sport with roots that, post-World Cup, has burst its traditional boundaries.

There was, as I say, good sport to be had at Sheffield, and less violence than you got at Twickenham last week.

But ice hockey has been a nearly-sport in this country for years. It would be surprising if it were to break the sound barrier of minor sportshood and Moray Hanson and Rocky Saganiuk were to become household names.

Of course there is a place for ice hockey in the sporting round: jolly good game, as I say. There is a place, too, for all the other fastest-growing-sports-in-Britain.

But if Mr Veen is seriously expecting ice hockey to become a major sport in the near future, then I would seriously advise Mr Veen against holding his breath. Even if he doesn't smoke.

Hanson credited for cup triumph

MURRAYFIELD Racers deserved their 6-2 success in the Benson and Hedges Cup final at Sheffield on Saturday, although there is no doubt that Moray Hanson, the Murrayfield goaltender, was their outstanding player, particularly in the first period, when he made key saves. It was against the run of play, and while Racers had a man in the penalty box, when they took the lead, Paul Pentland converting a Chris Palmer pass.

Palmer and Tony Hand added further goals to give the Racers a 3-0 first-interval lead, but it was Hanson's alertness that preserved that lead, particularly when he denied Hilton Ruggles, saving three shots in succession from close range.

Lindsay Lovell scored a fourth for Murrayfield early in the final period and it was not until they had stretched their lead to 6-0 that Cardiff finally scored through Nicky Chinn and Rick Brebant.

SCORERS: Murrayfield: C Palmer 2, A Hand 2, P Pentland, L Lovell. Cardiff: N Chinn, R Brebant

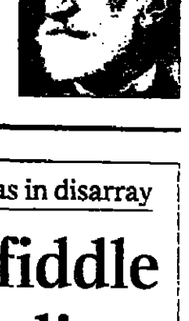
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Nigel Planer adds a comic flourish as Die Fledermaus returns to the Coliseum

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A new biography of the composer Giuseppe Verdi — but is there anything new to say?



ROCK: The stars come out for human rights; and Deborah Harry leaves her fans feeling short-changed

Eloquent appeal for amnesty

Amnesty International's Concert for Human Rights
Festival Hall

The fact that this concert is now planned as an annual event is a sharp reminder that human rights violations can never be written out of the political agenda. It also emphasises how much rock stars are now looked upon as perpetual torch-bearers for the world's good causes.

This time last year, such multifarious talents as David Byrne, Sinead O'Connor and the Balenescu Quartet came to the South Bank to mark International Human Rights Day (which this year falls next Friday). Last Friday another jamboree bag of musicians donated their services, espousing Amnesty International's struggle to expose political killings and "disappearances" throughout the world.

These days, charities are forced to engage in a sad scrummage for column inches. But this was a more subliminal form of consciousness maintenance. None of the artists beat the audience over the head with the cause, a subtlety that probably opened a few more minds.

The Brodsky Quartet are on speaking terms with the rock audience following their collaboration with Elvis Costello. Their string-driven thing struck the correct chord of starkness, but their epic modification of "Waltzing Matilda" proved that there is no dusty classicism on their shoulders.

South African discovery Bheki Mseleku has been a name to drop in jazz houses since his remarkable 1992 album, *Celebration*. He devoted his 20 minutes to one episodic, mellifluous piece that featured some positively ambidextrous doubling on sax and piano. Such was its impact that it had people rustling through their programmes to check his name.

It is a decade since Carmel breached the Top 20 with the haunting "Bad Day". The group has spent much of the interim years working on the continent, but their espousal of social issues in their lyrics made their appearance apposite and leader Carmel McCourt retains a magnetic and stylish presence, combining well with Matthew David to trade vocal tricks on Bill Withers' "Lean On Me".

Suzanne Vega appeared after an address by Amnesty's secretary-general, Pierre Sané. Armed only with acoustic guitar she filled the hall with her compelling introspections. Her most recent album, *99.9F°*, recast her in a tougher rock setting. But here, alone with just six strings, she defeated her natural stage timidity to draw an entranced audience into such well-chosen pieces as "Tired of Sleeping", "Men in a War" and her 1985 debut album's "Small Blue Thing".

But it was her opening song, "Rock in This Pocket", that best echoed the evening's mood. "I'm really well acquainted with the span of your brow," she sang. "And if you didn't know me then, you'll know me now." As a call from a David to the Goliath of intolerance and cruelty, it was an eloquent request for amnesty.

PAUL SEXTON



Suzanne Vega: she drew an entranced Festival Hall audience into her well-chosen pieces

COMMENT: London orchestras in disarray

Bureaucrats fiddle while music dies

NOT much stays secret for long in the arts world. The Hoffmann committee's recommendations about London's orchestras, which were supposed to be confidential until the Arts Council meets next week, were inevitably leaked on Saturday by a member of the council's increasingly depleted and despondent music panel. They had debated them only the day before. And little wonder they did leak, for Hoffmann has thrown a huge spanner in the works.

His unexpected recommendation is apparently that the Philharmonia wins the big subsidy for Festival Hall concerts, with the Royal Philharmonic continuing to be subsidised for its regional work. If the Arts Council endorses that, it will be a monstrous blow for the South Bank Centre, which has thrown its weight behind the London Philharmonic — the orchestra currently resident at the Festival Hall.

A bloody nose for the South Bank, after its blatant lobbying, would be much applauded. But what would become of the orchestras? The Philharmonia would have the lion's share of subsidy, but its relations with the South Bank's director, Nicholas Snowman, are at rock-bottom. Too much mud has been slung; the character assassination has been awful to behold — though quite good fun to report. The idea that this orchestra could now work harmoniously with the present Festival Hall management is beyond belief.

Meanwhile, the London Philharmonic would still, according to its five-year contract at least, be the resident Festival Hall orchestra. But sooner or later it would be penniless, if the Arts Council sticks to its orginal plan. Latest reports, however, indicate that the council is trying to cobble together a grant for it anyway. But who knows? The chaos would be funny if it did not jeopardise the jobs of so many superb musicians.

Was this Hoffmann's intention? Of course not. He and his committee have been scrupulously diligent about fulfilling their brief. But they have also hinted that there is little to choose between three fine orchestras — certainly not enough to warrant throwing two of them to the wolves.

So Hoffmann's recommendations, because they so obviously lead to utter confusion, may be a clever gambit — a way of forcing the abandonment of the whole ghastly process. That outcome would please nearly everybody connected with musical life, apart from the two or three Arts Council apparatchiks who dreamt up this demeaning beauty contest in the first place.

There *is* a need for a thorough enquiry into British concert life. But the current process does not even come close. It has been solely concerned with brutally axing two orchestras. Vital issues have been evaded. For instance, while fine orchestras are forced to jump through hoops to win a couple of million pounds, the South Bank itself continues to receive a generous £13 million in annual subsidy. That seems like a lavishly manicured tail wagging a pitifully undernourished dog.

Then again, how can London orchestras be discussed without reference to orchestral provision across the country, when so much of their work has a national dimension? And how can the matter be decided without considering the role of the BBC, the country's biggest employer of orchestral players?

> 'The Arts Council should declare this misconceived beauty contest to be defunct'

Perhaps the saddest thing has been the reluctance of those who are allegedly in charge to defend their thinking in public. Is Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, happy about the demolition of his orchestral heritage? To find that out, we may have to wait for his memoirs. What of Lord Palumbo, the Arts Council chairman? From him, a magnificent silence; John Cage would have been envious. And Anthony Everitt, the Arts Council's secretary-general? After disclosing his subtle analysis of the London orchestral scene — "a bit of a crowd" — he too has fallen silent. Which is perhaps just as well.

Next week, however, the Arts Council *must* speak. It should declare this grotesque business to be defunct. Perhaps it should declare itself defunct as well. Its actions in 1993 do irresistibly bring to mind the words "headless" and "chickens".

The South Bank Centre should limit its ambitions to running its venues as economically as possible, and stop trying to run the world. And the orchestras, though reprieved, should think hard about their *raison d'être* — because the observation that there are "too many dull concerts in London" is a valid one that will not go away.

RICHARD MORRISON

High priestess of post-punk reveals her unknown side

Deborah Harry
Hammersmith Apollo

AT 48 Deborah Harry has bade farewell to Debbie the girlie diminutive and also, it would seem, to her entire back catalogue. Rarely has an audience cried "Play something we know!" so passionately and so frequently.

But the high priestess of post-punk carried on regardless. "I know what you're thinking: you're thinking, do another Blondie song", she admitted at one point, before deigning to deliver a particularly obscure Blondie album track. A dozen songs into the set, only the most dedicated students of *Deborah Harry: The B Sides* would have recognised a single tune. Uniquely anonymous numbers entitled "Memo for Turner", "Ballad", "Rain" and "Go Through It" trundled by without the faintest hint of recognition among the audience.

Blondie's bulging portfolio of power-pop classics was left virtually unopened. There was no "Denis", "Picture This" or "Union City Blues". There wasn't even an "Atomic" or a "Rapture", never mind "The Tide is High" or "Hanging on the Telephone". Instead we were treated to an unloved and unmemorable selection from the Harry solo albums, notable chiefly for their pallidly punning titles: *Def, Dumb and Blonde*, or, earlier this year, *Deborahtation*.

Quite why Harry adopted this tactic was never made plain, although the way in which she dealt with the few hits she did include was revealing. "Heart of Glass" received an almost jokey calypso treatment, while during a breakneck "Call Me" the whole band apparently decided to play their comedy card. Harry gargled with the lyric while guitarist Peter Min played a version of "What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor?" in preference to a conventional solo.

Maybe familiarity has bred contempt for Harry, but by the time she called a five-minute cigarette break an hour into the show the audience's patience wasn't so much frayed as downright tassled.

Between 1978 and 1982, Debbie Harry was possibly the most beautiful creature ever to have prowled the pop planet. While her looks have not entirely deserted her, there has been a certain physical ripening. The cheekbones are no longer hollow and the thighs could justifiably be described as thick, but she has aged better than, say, Mick Jagger.

The removal of her shirt, revealing a black corset-like device, was inevitably greeted by a beery cheer. Nevertheless, Harry remains an extremely handsome woman. If, incidentally, her band's name still pertained to her hair colour, they would probably be labouring under the frankly unflattering monicker of Mousie.

For the most part, the four musicians were unsympathetic and uninspired and never quite receded far enough to allow the star to shine. Former Blondie guitarist and Harry paramour Chris Stein led the band with his determinedly understated playing and came across as a rather taciturn fellow. It was only when Harry sweetly introduced him as the man to whom she "owes everything, my career, my life" that he finally broke out of scowl mode.

Harry's vocal capacity has expanded dramatically since the days when a series of breathy and aloof sighs would do. Her disarming interpretation of the Rolling Stones' "Wild Horses" sounded for all the world like honey seeping through silk and was worth the price of admission alone.

Also at her disposal was an apparently unlimited repertoire of daft dances. She pirouetted nimbly, head-banged ferociously and skipped daintily, occasionally combining all three and looking like a heavy-metal ballerina.

But despite such entertainment and the genuine affection she exuded throughout, the crowd felt distinctly short-changed when the house lights came up. As they filtered home there was many a disgruntled reference to having "paid good money for that". Whatever her reasons, one had to admire Deborah Harry's gall.

ADRIAN DEEVOY

THEATRE: Strindberg's final drama revived

Last curtain-call for master playwright

The Great Highway
Gate

NOT for nothing does the sound of late, late Beethoven often grace David Farr's crisp production of Strindberg's 65th and final play. The dramatist worshipped the composer, kept his death-mask permanently with him, played his sonatas on the piano, threw musical evenings at which his work was performed, and thought of his own last plays in terms of the great string quartets.

Call these symbolist fantasies, allegorical chamber-pieces, expressionistic moralities, or what have you: they are certainly highly personal, pretty weird, and (or so Strindberg hoped) pregnant with mystery and meaning.

Those are not, however, very dramatic qualities, which explains why posterity (theatre historians excepted) has preferred Strindberg's realistic works, especially his front-line reports from the marital battlefield. Moreover, his own faith in *The Great Highway* itself was erratic. True, he ended up grandly proclaiming it "my final symphony". But only a month before that he told his publisher it was so bad he had "scrapped but not burnt it".

There were times at the Gate when, had I had the foresight to bring along an acetylene torch, I would have happily leapt onstage and finished the task he funked. But there were others when I saw why the theatre had plucked *The Great Highway* from obscurity.

When Strindberg stops earnestly aping Ibsen's most famous poetic play, and confronts the doleful Peer Gynt at its centre with characters who might have ventured out of Monty Python — well, then we have, if not a flying circus, at least comic lift-off.

No blame belongs to Sylvester Morand, the actor who plays Hunter. Strindberg's autobiographical architect-turned-preacher. He brings a sturdy, grizzled reality to a quest that takes him from spiritual serenity on a mountain-top back to a "stinking" world in which he variously watches greedy peasants wrangling about trivialities and helps an elderly Japanese commit suicide. He even gives emotional weight to Hunter's tormented rhetoric: "bless me who suffered most the agony, the pain of never being able to be who I longed to be", etc etc etc.

But the play still grips most when Strindberg is reminding us that he wasn't wholly lacking in humour. On come Tom Browne and Paul Ritter, each wagging donkey's ears, as a tyrannical but insecure butcher and the schoolmaster he has beaten into second place in Asstown's mayorial elections.

The dialogue gets barmier and barmier ("you must think me a monomaniac or a vegetarian"), culminating in a quarrel about whether Caesar really lived from 100 to 44 BC, that's to say backwards. Imagine a collaboration between late Beethoven and middle-period Lewis Carroll. Could anything be more splendidly incongruous?

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

TELEVISION REVIEW: A revival of John Osborne's *The Entertainer* on BBC2 brings a selfish, vicious man back to life

Nothing funny about this comic

In his Fifties heyday, John Osborne famously said that he wanted to give his audiences "lessons in feeling". So it was strangely disconcerting when Saturday night's two-hour starry revival of his 1957 play, *The Entertainer* (*Performance*, BBC2), proved to have all the packed cathartic force of a rubber duck bobbing in a tin bath.

What a tedious play this turned out to be — a stringy first act, uninteresting family plot, ridiculously over-inflated central role. Is Archie Rice really such a great part for an actor? Was Michael Gambon privileged to get it? Or isn't it significant, now you come to think of it, that bids for revival are so rare? Historic clips of Laurence Olivier delivering the famous lines — "Don't clap too hard, it's a very old building"; "Look at my eyes, I'm dead behind these eyes" — always gave the impression that Rice, this selfish, vicious, life-denying music-hall comedian in the chequered suit, was a role to die for. But the impression, alas, was wrong. Archie Rice is a role that — in the variety phrase — *walks off* stage to the sound of its own feet.

Don't laugh too much, it's a very old newspaper, but possibly the main thing that's wrong with *The Entertainer* is that Rice simply isn't funny. How much more interesting he would be if — like the ghastly would-be stand-ups in Trevor Griffiths' *Comedians* — his bad, nasty jokes made you laugh. Rice's act is so utterly dire ("Take my wife — please") that you can scarcely imagine how he keeps his job, let alone routinely seduces the nudes who adorn the show.



Billie Whitelaw and Michael Gambon in *The Entertainer*, which fails to live up to its name

And off-stage, things are even worse. Even Kenneth Tynan, champion of both Osborne and Olivier, was compelled to note that Rice's father was a bore and his children were ciphers. On Saturday night, Bill Owen perversely played the Dad as though he were a kindly old geezer, despite delivering one of the nastiest lines in the whole piece. (Good looks don't matter, even in a woman, he tells his grand-daughter: "You don't look at the mantelpiece when you're poking the fire.") On the other hand, the great revelation of the production was Phoebe, Archie's drunken, stupid and chronically betrayed wife. Billie Whitelaw cleverly played the role (in insipid pink) as though it had been written with affection rather than disgust, with the surprising result that the most moving scene was her own — on discovering that old Dad had mauled her special 30-bob cake.

Meanwhile, Gambon capered on stage in a Freddie Davis hat, leered widely to reveal white gnashers, and hid behind the mask of his own face in the approved theatrical manner. But who cared? Let's call it Brechtian, but let's not get carried away. Rice is a man who sings emphatically giveaway ditties to tell us that he doesn't care ("Why should I care?"), that he puts himself first ("We're all out for good old number one!"), and that there's nothing wrong with him ("Thank God I'm normal!").

By the rules of dramatic irony, one is presumably supposed to infer the opposite, but unfortunately the effort required is too great, and the expected rewards are too small. So sod him. Let him stew. In fact, when Gambon delivered the curtain line about turning the tables on the audience tomorrow night ("Let me know where you're working, and I'll come and see *you*"), it genuinely sounded like a much more promising idea.

LYNNE TRUSS

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ACADEMY OF LONDON: The glamorous Canadian cellist Ofra Harnoy joins conductor Richard Stamp for an all-Tchaikovsky programme: *Variations on a Rococo Theme* Op 33; *Souvenir de Florence* Op 70.
St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (071-222 1061) *Tonight, 7.30pm*

STUFFED AND MOUNTED: Kit and the Widow give us one week only of cabaret, sauce and the sardonically uplifted eyebrow
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

OUT THERE: A contemporary jazz-theatre collaboration brings together the innovative Django Bates and the young theatre company known as Fifth Floor. Written by Simon Black; directed by Campbell Graham
***The Place**, Duke's Road, WC1 (071-387 0031)* Tonight-Sat, 8pm

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: For one night only, a taste of the foot-tapping good fun of **Ray Gelato and the Giants of Jive**. A great show band offering a mix of swinging instrumentals, driving rhythm and blues and jump tunes.
Ronnie Scott's, Broad Street (021-643 4525). Tonight, from 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH: The sonorous viola of Nobuko Imai will fill the hall this evening, accompanied by pianist Roger Vignoles. Imai is the only viola-player to have won both the Munich and Geneva International Competitions; her programme includes favourite pieces by Beethoven, Brahms, Vieuxtemps, Stravinsky and César Franck.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street (031-668 2019). Tonight, 7.45pm.

MOLD: The talented team of Christopher G. Sandford and Mike Read, who presented last year's *A Christmas Carol*, do another Dickens for this year's Christmas play: **Great Expectations**. With Darren Day as Pip, Christopher Corocran, Michael Vaughan, Caroline Fitzgerald and Tamara Ustinov.
Theatr Clwyd, County Civic Centre (0352 755114). Opens tonight, 7pm. Until January 22.

SHEFFIELD: David Thacker's captivating RSC production of **Two Gentlemen of Verona** is set in the gilded world of the 1930s. With music from Gershwin and Cole Porter.
Lyceum Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm.

NOTTINGHAM: Another RSC production completes its season's tour this week. Michael Attenborough directs **Les Liaisons Dangereuses**, a stunning tale of 18th-century sexual intrigue, decadence and corruption.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Square (0602 482626). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed 2pm and sat 2.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Alphonse Mucha/Bill Brandt (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: Deities and Devotions: Hindu art; Demon of Painting: Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall**: Bruce Chatwin's Photographs (071-928 3002) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Portrait Now; Thomas Eakins (071-306 0055) .. **National Gallery**: Ken Kiff (071-839 3321) .. **Royal Academy of Arts**: Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum; American Art in the 20th Century (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Richard Wentworth (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Writing on the Wall: women artists; Ben Nicholson; Turner's Vignettes (071-887 8008) ... **Victoria & Albert**: Gates of Mystery: Russian icons (071-938 8500).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **THE BFG**: Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant makes his now annual Christmastime call on London
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Mon 7pm; Tue-Fri, 2pm and 7pm, Sat 11am, 2.30pm, 7pm.

◩ **CAROUSEL**: Hal Fowler takes over the role of Billy Bigelow this evening — his first West End lead. Michael Hayden is beginning rehearsals for his same part in the Rodgers and Hammerstein extravaganza in New York.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins

□ **DR FAUSTUS**: Jonathan Cullen plays the curious scholar tempted by Hugh Ross as Mephistophilis. Philip Franks directs Marlowe, murdered 400 years ago in the neighbouring borough.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm Until Dec 11.

◩ **FOREVER PLAID**: Genial and wittily performed homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat 8.30pm, mats Fri, Sat, 6pm

◩ **HOT STUFF**: The glitter and glam of the Seventies in a compilation musical from Paul Kerryson.
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5040) Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, 6pm and 9pm, Sat, 5pm and 8pm.

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed. 2.30pm

□ **LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION**: John Waters stars in his own musical tribute to John Lennon, and comes remarkably close to conveying his mysterious, if chaotic, charm.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488) Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat, 6pm and 9pm

◩ **MACHINAL**: Fiona Shaw, a moving heroine in Sophie Treadwell's expressionist drama from 1928. Masterly direction and design by Stephen Daldry and Ian MacNeil reaches the core of the drama.
National, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm

■ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE**: Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders together in a new offbeat comedy by the author of the film *Beaches*
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat 6pm and 8.45pm. Opens Dec 15, 7pm.

◩ **MEDEA**: Diana Rigg returns to the West End in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge. Directed by Jonathan Kent.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5.30pm.

□ **MOONLIGHT**: Ian Holm and Anna Massey in the West End transfer of Pinter's play: a sour civil servant, unmourned by his family, rages against his approaching death.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

■ **MOTHER COURAGE AND HER CHILDREN**: Anthony Clark directs Hanif Kureishi's touring production of Brecht, with Ellie Haddington as the persistent capitalist
National, (Cottesloe) South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Opens tonight, 7pm Until January 15.

◩ **OLEANNA**: Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◩ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER**: Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes, David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **VITA AND VIRGINIA**: Eileen Atkins' play based on Virginia Woolf's crush on Vita Sackville-West, with herself and Penelope Wilton.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, and Sat, Sun, 3.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ◩ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ◩ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◩ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) .. ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BOUND & GAGGED: A LOVE STORY (18): Muddled comic adventures in search of the characters' better selves American independent misfire from writer-director Daniel Appleby.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

THE HAWK (15). Is Helen Mirren's husband Lancashire's serial killer? Modest but powerful domestic thriller, from Peter Ransley's novel. David Hayman directs.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

LAST YEAR IN MARIENBAD: Welcome revival of Resnais' exquisitely photographed, dream-like conundrum of 1961, double-billed with *Hiroshima Mon Amour*. Until Dec 11.
Everyman (071-435 1525)

CURRENT

◆ **ALADDIN** (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun. Directors, John Musker, Ron Clements.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT** (18) Murderous father Donald Sutherland returns to torment daughter Amy Irving. Clumsy thriller from Jonathan Heap.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE CONCIERGE** (PG). Trials and tribulations of an ambitious concierge in a New York hotel. Outdated vehicle for the ebullient Michael J. Fox. Director, Barry Sonnenfeld.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

◆ **DEMOLITION MAN** (15): Sylvester Stallone versus Wesley Snipes in 21st century L.A. Marco Brambilla's satirical if overblown action romp.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **GUILTY AS SIN** (15): D.A. Rebecca De Mornay falls under the spell of ladykiller Don Johnson. Foolish thriller, minus thrills. Director, Sidney Lumet.
Odeon Kensington (0426-914 666)

◆ **THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE** (12): Scarred recluse tutors a young outcast (Nick Stahl). Queasy drama from director-star Mel Gibson.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

NAKED (18): Mike Leigh's excellent, uncomfortable Cannes prizewinner about London's lost souls, with David Thewlis as the amoral drifter.
MGMs: Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705)

◆ **POSSE** (15): Outlaw blacks ride the prairie. Just an urban ghetto drama in Western clothes. Mario Van Peebles stars and directs.
Electric (071-792 2020/0328) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574)

RAINING STONES (15): Wonderful slice of life on a Catholic council estate. Director Ken Loach blends biting humour and raw pain. Endearing performances from local talent.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
Gate (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **SO I MARRIED AN AXE MURDERER** (12). Foolish but breezy vehicle for "Wayne's World" star Mike Myers. Thomas Schlamme directs
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE STRANGER (U): Wandering uncle returns to roost. Satyajit Ray's endearing, often funny, last film starring Utpal Dutt.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

THE WEDDING BANQUET (15): Americanised immigrant from Taiwan fails to tell his parents he's gay. Delightful, caring cross-cultural comedy. Director, Ang Lee.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** reviews English National Opera's staging of Strauss's operetta

Bat flies higher after revival

Die Fledermaus
Coliseum

THERE are few more heartening happenings in opera than a production that went horribly wrong first time *round coming*, well, if not exactly right, then at least pointing in the right direction when it is revived. Richard Jones's staging of *Fledermaus* came under fire when it was new two years ago, even — perhaps especially — from those who admire Jones's constructively anarchic work. He was, after all, the man who put the jokes back into *Das Rheingold*. But his *Fledermaus* was a concatenation of desperately unfunny sight-gags that ignored the text, upstaged the singers and had the cheek to use Strauss's genial score as barely relevant incidental music.

Il a changé tout cela. Gone, for one, are the cats from his concatenation. Gone are the giant powder-puffs and the toy carriages that meant you didn't listen to a note of the overture: only the anagram gag ("Freud made lies") survives at the very end of it. Gone are the gorilla in a tutu, the outsize pianist who destroyed the Czárdás, the roller-skating chorines. Without all that superfluous flab, you can actually glimpse the lean bones of Jones's really rather sharp reading of the piece.

Perhaps Nigel Lowery's ceaselessly changing decor means that the staging still fails to probe the full depths of middle-class hypocrisy when it comes to having a bit on the side. But there is an acid quality to the evening that matches his colour schemes. Thanks to Jones's courageous editing of his own work the ENO has ended up with a snappy Christmas show.

Freed from unfair competition, the cast shines all the more brightly. Vivien Tierney finds the right Home Counties vowel sounds for Rosalinde, and her dead-pan delivery of April De Angelis's version of the dialogue earns many laughs in a gorgeously sly comedy performance. The whole cast, incidentally, takes care with diction, a most necessary development in St Martin's Lane.

For the first four performances there is an outstanding new Eisenstein in Geoffrey Dolton, an intensely physical performer whose pratfalls, patent-leather hair and desperate life-and-soul-of-the-party gaiety add up to the right sort of grubby character. He is matched in farcical expertise by Richard Suart's prison governor Frank, also new and fatuously self-important.

Apart from Rosemary Joshua's brilliantly sung and vivaciously acted Adele, this is not yet an evening notable for distinguished singing: Tierney sounded a little uneasy — Rosalinde is a ferociously demanding role in a big theatre — and while the baritone Dolton can manage Eisenstein's tenor notes, he doesn't sound happy with them. Both will surely relax during the run, just as Nigel Planer, guesting as Frosch, will cast caution (and his script) to the winds and show more of the disrespect that characterises the rest of Jones's production.

After a depressingly lumpish account of the overture that almost made one want to bring back the cat, Jerzy Maksymiuk settled into a lively enough account of the score, but one light on felt, as opposed to beaten, rubato. How could he bring himself to conduct the ghastly orchestral derangement of the *Annen Polka*? That ought to go, and so should the chorus girls' entr'acte routines. Jones could perhaps keep those up his sleeve for his forthcoming *Ring* at Covent Garden.

DONALD COOPER



Game for a mask: Vivien Tierney in *Die Fledermaus* at the Coliseum

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DANCE: New works from London Contemporary Dance Theatre and David Massingham

More than a chance encounter with Cage

The Previous Evening
Sadler's Wells

AS THE only critic, I believe, to have reviewed a performance (by John Cage and Merce Cunningham) using Cage's chance methods and "found" material, I know that the game is not as easy as it looks. Fred Frith, the composer of London Contemporary Dance Theatre's latest work, *The Previous Evening*, has set himself similarly to provide what he calls "a tip of the hat" to the late illustrious or notorious composer. The result, as you would expect, sounds not a bit like Cage.

So what? It is at least interesting on its own terms. The sounds you hear, chancily arranged, include tape collages, "prepared" instruments, two live clarinets and two more pre-recorded, rice being poured into metal bowls, and snatches of text — spoken by the dancers — from Cage's book *Silence*. These are not employed to provide the rhythmic impetus which Cage's own exactly timed readings used to do, but rather to punctuate the sound textures by brief interruptions.

At least once Amanda Miller's choreography takes up the words, when Kenneth Tharp not only says that "a bird flies" but shows us with his hands and eyes how it escapes. Tharp's expostulation, "Don't you think that's enough?", is also the cue to bring down the curtain at the end. Mostly, however, we are not to look for logical cause-and-effect sense.

This is a highly disjunct choreography. Occasionally a couple of dancers come briefly into conjunction; several of them in turn enigmatically wear the same long white coat; but mostly they go about their own mysterious business, temporarily inhabiting or passing through the stage which the designer, Seth Tillet, has surrounded by objects of varying scale and significance around its edges, and overhung with other items that descend temporarily: a leaf, a crown, or whatever.

It is probably by chance that Tillet and Miller have echoed the segregation of the stage into light and dark areas which Jasper Johns devised for the Cage-Cunningham *Un Jour ou Deux* at the Paris Opéra a few years back. *The Previous Evening* has nothing like the sustained dance and music invention of that work, but as its dancers move from or into visibility, the light and shade add an extra drama to their oneiric activities.

The premiere was given in the last of LCDT's three programmes at Sadler's Wells, which have provided a total of six new works by as many choreographers. They have been varied in style, approach and merit, but all of them were performed excellently by a singularly skilled team of dancers who, alas, cannot be together much longer.

What a pity that the Contemporary Dance Trust's future hopes, however inspiring in themselves, have to be built on the basis of our present short-life, throwaway cultural attitudes. Not, one might think, the most secure of foundations for this or any other company.

JOHN PERCIVAL

Steps less impressive than their footnotes

Orchestrated
Bloomsbury

THANK heavens for programme notes. They disentangle the puzzling; shed light on the obscure; tell you, after you have watched David Massingham's *Physical Features*, that not only is the choreography set to film scores by John Barry, but related to the content of films. I would never have guessed otherwise.

You could have said that the six dancers rolling to music from *You Only Live Twice* were demonstrating techniques of pastry-making; while their gestures in unison to *Born Free* represented a parade of traffic wardens. I would not have been any more disbelieving.

That piece was part of a quadruple bill presented by David Massingham Dance under the umbrella title of *Orchestrated*. Throughout, Massingham's style revealed itself to be gentle and dancey, full of partnering, groupings and poses. The trouble was that his choreographic images often seemed plucked out of the air, without a recognisable overall logic.

As a result, *Physical Features* took a long time not adding up to anything: an impression compounded by the way frequently abrupt movements clashed with Barry's lush orchestrations. The abstract choreography in *Sound Effects* had a more evident rapport with John Tavener's music, slow aural and visual passages alternating with bouncy ones. But there again it all seemed as pointless as doodling, its main strategy boiling down to what was not there — namely, contact between its five dancers.

Love in C Minor and *The Resonating Chamber* had a less redundant air. The first, a celebration of 1970s disco dance, was clearly meant as a temperature-raising finale. It was, though, a tame affair that wouldn't startle your grandmother; while the company's sedate gyrations in squeaky-clean bell-bottoms and shirts could make Whitney Houston look decadent.

Massingham's predilection for floor work returned with a vengeance in *The Resonating Chamber*, but here at least the motifs had some relevance. Men lay and embraced in what the programme described as an exploration of male relationships; a woman denoted the feminine side that exists in each of us. And so at long last dance, intention and music (by John Kefala-Kerr) gelled.

NADINE MEISNER

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Forcing destiny into print

Was Verdi the last naive composer? How did Tchaikovsky die? Does Vivaldi matter? **Cyril Ehrlich** reads three new lives

I know Verdi," wrote Giuseppina Strepponi, singer, great woman deserving her own biography, and the composer's second wife. She went on to explain how, after four years without music, he would abandon his building projects, and "let his artistic passion take over, as usual". She hoped "the world will be the richer for it", and it was, with *Don Carlos*.

Threats of retirement had begun 20 years earlier, to be followed by the likes of *Macbeth*, *Rigoletto*, *Trovatore*, *Traviata*, *Boccanegra*, *Ballo*, *Forza*, and a few other pieces that still fill theatres. The vernal *Falstaff* came nearly 30 years later, after *Aida*, the Requiem, and *Otello*; only then, when he was 80, did Giuseppina admit that her husband was too old and tired to write much more.

Simple listing defines an unassailable span and scale of achievement, once questioned by "critical opinion", although never by the general public. And a biographer must also deal with the political and personal life of this quintessential man of the people, tribune and poet of national emancipation.

Do we need another biography, after Frank Walker's (1962), substantial later books by David Kimbell, George Martin and Julian Budden, and definitive summaries in *Grove* by Andrew Porter and *Grove Opera* by Roger Parker? And there is Sir Isaiah Berlin's argument that, since Verdi was the last of the great naive masters of Western music, he can be approached sufficiently without knowledge of personal attributes or historical circumstances. Yet, since fresh genius is now in short supply, one grasps at another chance to speculate about its origins in the past.

Mary Jane Phillips-Matz is not given to speculation, but she knows her Verdi, after three decades in the archives, residence in the home-town, Busseto, and conversations with descendants of anyone who came close. She balances more than 900 devoted pages with quiet scepticism about the cultivated image of lowly origins (they were not that humble) and unworldly nobility (he could be mean and unforgiving).

Such detachment is not entirely new — Walker also painted warts — but it is now more extensively documented, although without cut-down-to-size silliness. Neglect of family values is often observed, and the political incorrectness of other times: "Horses are like women," the great man says, "they have to please the person who owns them" and "be attractive in the eye of their owner, especially when it is a matter of spending a rather large amount of money."

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Sketchy Vivaldi: glimpses of the unhappy Tchaikovsky

There is no grand design — chapters are merely dated — and few attempts to match great occasions with eloquence, but opera, politics, and life are, when the occasion demands, neatly juxtaposed. Cavour, facing war, flings open his study window and declaims, like our own attempts at Pavarotti, "Di *quella pira*." Orsini, whose anarchist-patriot half brother had been guillotined for trying to assassinate Napoleon III, flees Paris with a pile of 20 franc pieces, distributed by the composer from a copper canister. Taking such operatic scenes in its stride, the narrative proceeds calmly, with infinite detail and cumulative strength, through the great life to a measured conclusion: he left "an enduring legacy of music, charity, patriotism, honour, grace, and reason. He was and remains a mighty force for continuing good."

Tchaikovsky Remembered is mostly jejune stuff, made thinner by some 50 designer-blank interleaving pages. Since David Brown has recently completed a four-volume biography of Tchaikovsky, the high proportion of verbiage is hard to explain. "What is important here", says one pedestrian memorialist, "is not what was said, but how it was said." Another talks of "*undemanding*" food requirements three times in as many sentences, and Francesco Berger tells us that his visitor liked English food, and met a pupil who wrote "very clever Monologues, published in various Magazines". A note from Von Bulow to Richard Strauss, describing the Russian as, "in short, a gem", reads, perhaps unintentionally, like a reference devised for an amiable, but none too bright, student.

There are glimpses of the man: vain, melancholy, smoking heavily, prematurely old, enjoying piano duets, always wonderful with children. Stanislavsky remembers him as an ideal Uncle Vanya; cultured, soft and elegant. Mrs Brodsky recalls him in freezing Leipzig, listening, without enthusiasm, to her husband playing with Brahms, until the Griegs arrive, bringing "a kind of sunshine with them".

Chekhov, Anton Rubinstein, and Stravinsky briefly register their anguished sense of loss, and there's more about the postmortem debate: accident, suicide, kangaroo court? Brown is confident about the second, and inclined towards the third, although recent opinion seems to be swinging against him. What matters in this centenary year is the music, or some of it, and the life, of Russia's first professional composer. For that one might look elsewhere: to Poznansky's recent biography, the Von Meck correspondence, and anything by Richard Taruskin.

Despite its panoply of authoritative scholarship, the purpose of a new Vivaldi compilation is hard to discern, except for generating enthusiasm. The church music is urged upon us, the operas less so, and a "renaissance" is posited, but neither established nor analysed. *Four Seasons* do not a renaissance make, and the universal pasting-up of wallpaper music is a cultural devastation not explained here. Instead we have lots of quotations, suitable for declamation by plummy actors, to give a feel of history. Some of the documents merit a glance, particularly the grovelling Ferrara correspondence. There is also a useful opera catalogue by Reinhard Strohm.



Always on the brink of retirement. Verdi continued to write grand opera until he was 80

PAPERBACKS

THE GOD FEARER
By Dan Jacobson
Sceptre, £5.99
A WIDOWED and life-battered bookbinder finds himself visited by sudden epileptic trances and two phantom children who wear the garb of the Christers. These are a downtrodden minority cult, routinely despised and persecuted by the dominant God-Fearers, of whom old Kobus is one. Set against the background of a dreamlike Europe which refuses to conform to any known historical period, Jacobson interweaves a dark allegorical inversion of anti-Semitic hatred and the Holocaust with an exploration of what constitutes real human presence. Fantasy and everyday reality, apocalyptic violence and tender humanity are carefully balanced in this novel.

MUSIC AND THE MIND
By Anthony Storr
HarperCollins, £6.99
THE composer Michael Tippett called music "a significant image of the *inner flow of life*"; Freud saw it as merely a sublimination of unsatisfied libido. Storr the psychiatrist, who has always been intrigued by the mysteries of the creative inner self, sets out to explore what music is, how it first came into being, and what part it plays in human development. He believes that importance of musical experience is sadly underestimated in our verbally-based society. A fascinating book, even for those who think of music as aural wallpaper.

● *Contributors: Brian Morton, Hazel Leslie*

Masterly minder

Daniel Johnson

THE INNER GAME
By Dominic Lawson
Macmillan, £14.99

The match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short for *The Times* World Chess Championship must have been the most widely reported sporting contest to be held in Britain in 1993. It was a landmark for chess. From the handful of people who made it happen, an extraordinary dedication was demanded; most were obliged to do other jobs as well. Dominic Lawson, the editor of *The Spectator*, was lucky enough to get leave to write a book from inside the Short camp. He has not wasted much time.

The Inner Game is an instant book and hence not always accurate — in particular, it does less than justice to *The Times*, which is accused of "bouncing" Short and Kasparov into accepting its bid. But there will be time enough for more careful assessments. We are unlikely to get a livelier one.

This is a deliberately populist chess book, carefully designed to appeal to people who cannot play chess, but interesting even to those who were closely involved. The black cover, complete with puff by Stephen Fry ("so tense, so gripping and so readable"), is emblazoned with the author's name in huge letters, while below a bespectacled figure ponders a chessboard.



Lawson: the bluffers' buff

It looks like, and is, a chess thriller. If Nigel Short is the John Major of chess, Dominic Lawson is the Jeffrey Archer. Archer's last novel outsold all others this year; Lawson's more elegant effort deserves similar success. He has given chess literature what *The Times* gave the world chess championship: pizazz.

Lawson makes shrewd use of the slick but effective techniques of which Archer is a master. Each chapter ends with a provocative punchline that leads on to the next. Like Archer, Lawson is very interested in sex, but subordinates it to the action. Lawson's occasional borrowings from the technical vocabulary of chess are there for verisimilitude, like Archer's from that of espionage; they never slow down the pace. Archer never made it as a politician but is formidable as a prime ministerial confidante; likewise Lawson sublimates his passion for chess by advising Nigel Short, on the whole rather well. Whether you like Archer or not, you'll love Lawson.

"I think I'm famous, Dominic," a bemused Short told Lawson during the match, after being mobbed by fans. The 10,000 per cent increase in enquiries from the public received by the British Chess Federation as a result of the match shows that, even though Short lost 12½-7½ to Kasparov, he deserved a better press. In the second half of the match he held Kasparov to an equal score. Despite the champion's messianic determination to win by a record margin, he did no better against Short than Fischer versus Spassky in 1972.

In order to understand why Kasparov won, Lawson's book is not enough, for it gives only the bare scores of the games. **Kasparov v Short 1993** by Raymond Keene (*Batsford, £7.99 pbk*), the official book of the match, is the perfect complement to Lawson, and essential for the serious player: the superlative analysis, some of which appeared in *The Times* during the match, is mostly by Kasparov and Short themselves, and their authority gives this volume the edge over **World Chess Championship 1993** by Donald Trelford and Daniel King (*Cadogan, £7.99 pbk*). Finally, for those who still don't know what all the fuss was about but dare not let on, **Bluff your Way in Chess** by B.W. Malpass (*Ravette, £2.50 pbk*) would make a good stocking-filler.

Brian Alderson assesses the impact of illustration and design on some new children's books

Casts of many spells



Modern life is tough – an illustration from Maurice Sendak's *We are all in the Dumps with Jack and Guy*

The two nursery rhymes in **We are all in the Dumps with Jack and Guy** by Maurice Sendak (*HarperCollins, £9.99*) are not obviously compatible, and Sendak has to use his picture-making genius to the full to try to persuade us that they can be mated.

The story — such as it is — is a tortured tale of children living in cardboard city. No doubt the book will cause a stir among Sendak fans and social workers, but doubt hovers that any picture book published with a seven-page pamphlet by the author explaining his purpose is functioning as well as it might.

No seven-page explanation needed here for **Simpkin** by Quentin Blake (*Jonathan Cape, £7.99*), unless they be about whether Blake is still under the influence of Dr Seuss (for whom he once illustrated a Beginner Book). The rhythms are Seussian:

Simpkin FAST and
Simpkin SLOW
Simpkin HIGH and
Simpkin LOW . . .

but the pictures that accompany him on his journey through all the oppositions are Quentin Blake at his own vibrant best. How he achieves this charmed flow of comic images for page after page is beyond explanation.

In **Beware, Beware**, illustrated by Angela Barrett (*Walker Books, £8.99*), Susan Hill supplies her illustrator with a text made up of hints, and out of this comes an extraordinarily numinous pictorial interpretation. Child wanders to dark wood and returns to warm safety, but only after a brief, dream-like encounter with foresty eyes and furtive limbs.

Such a resonant partnership fails in the other picture-book fantasy that Angela Barrett has illustrated: **The Witches and the Singing Mice** (*Collins, £8.99*). The artist's expressive colour-work is here overwhelmed by too pedestrian a text provided by Jenny Nimmo.

Taking a cue from that traditional joke-story that goes round and round without stopping, Allan Ahlberg expands it to near-epic proportions in **It Was a Dark and Stormy Night** by Janet and Allan Ahlberg (*Viking, £9.99*).

On the night in question, eight-year-old Antonio, kidnapped by brigands, tries to keep his captors happy with a story about themselves. Interruptions ensue as the listeners (especially the Mighty Chief) try to direct the narrative into desirable charmels, but Antonio adaptably bends events towards a plan of escape. The result, enhanced by Janet Ahlberg's pictorial commentary, will be enjoyed equally by children and deconstructionists.

In **Sophie in the Saddle** by Dick King Smith, illustrated by David Parkins (*Walker Books, £6.99*), "Plod" crops up with monotonous regularity when Sophie is around: a determined six-year-old who plans to be a lady farmer. She has already appeared in three stories which you can now buy in paperback as a boxed set: **The Sophie Stories** (*Walker Books, £9.99*). In the new instalment she is found taking a seaside holiday but staying on a farm where she learns to ride Bumblebee: "quiet as an old sheep — but doesn't like pigs". It is a quiet story, too, except when yucky Dawn from school turns up . . .

From his first children's book — *The Weathermonger* of 1968 — Peter Dickinson has shown great skill in integrating technological ingenuity into straightforward stories. Here he is at his most diverting in **Time and the Clockmice etcetera**, illustrated by Emma Chichester-Clark (*Doubleday, £9.99*), playing about with an elaborate clock mechanism, the acoustics of bells, and a tribe of mice who communicate by pictorial thought-transference (nice for his illustrator).

Digressions are made in the form of spoof essays which enhance rather than hamper the movement of the story since we get to know the narrator better as a result. His role as clock-repair man and saviour of mice (from biotechnology) is at the heart of the story.

Jules Verne may loom in the background of **The Last Giants** by François Place, translated by William Rodarmer (*Pavilion, £9.99*) as Archibald Leopold Ruthmore tells his story of a journey to a land in Central Asia inhabited by the world's last giants. Intrepid, in his top hat, he seeks them out only — disastrously — to publish an all-too-specific *histoire* about them when he returns.

Perfectly translated, and furnished with masterly water-colours at every page-opening, *The Last Giants* reads like a true memoir, and its tragedy is thereby the more convincing.

Hob is a hearthside spirit in **Hob and the Goblins** by William Mayne, chapter initials by Norman Messenger (*Dorling Kindersley, £8.99*) who likes to dwell in a cutch, or cupboard under the stairs.

First met in a series of small books with pictures by Patrick Benson, he now re-appears as hero of a long story with some silhouetted adornments. Presumably he is the same Hob, for the story, mostly told from his point of view, echoes the ingenuous, self-deprecating inner voice of the earlier books.

But now he faces darker crises: the invasion of the family world by ravening goblins. The confrontation is a disconcerting mixture of shuddery *frisson* (a witch looks hard at a piece of paper "until it was a cinder") and farce (the goblin king is defeated by a double-decker bus). Extra laughs attend upon an ironic budgerigar.

Almost simultaneously, William Mayne has published another near-ghost story: **The Egg-Timer**, illustrated by Anthony West (*Heinemann Superchamps, £4.99*). An Australian family on holiday in England — "Inland" according to small Dora — are involuntarily led into family-past by a companionable ghost.

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EDUCATION

Eton's new man at the top

Eton College has managed to remain pre-eminent among public schools, despite many challenges. **John Rae** examines the problems facing its new Head Master

The tenacity and adaptability of English institutions is nowhere more strikingly displayed than in the continuing pre-eminence of Eton College. From time to time other independent public schools, such as Winchester, Westminster, Rugby and Harrow, have challenged its position but the challenge has never been sustained. To the despair of rivals and the fury of egalitarians, Eton remains on top.

The secret of Eton's success lies not in its considerable wealth, or in its tradition, but in the skill with which its Head Masters and Fellows (Eton's governing body) have managed to balance continuity and change.

The present Head Master, Eric Anderson, and his predecessor, Michael McCrum, transformed Eton, though to walk about the school on St Andrew's Day you might think that nothing has changed. The Wall Game still follows its arcane course and tail-coated young men still stride about the place as though the world was their oyster.

But appearances are deceptive. Eton is now a high-powered academic institution, guaranteed to be near the top of the league tables. Fagging and corporal punishment have been abolished. Chinese, Japanese and Arabic have been added to the curriculum. Etonians leave school computer literate. Junior scholarships for boys from maintained primary schools and international scholarships to the sixth form have extended Eton's traditional catchment area. Above all, McCrum and Anderson turned a somewhat amateur, decentralised administration into what is probably the most efficiently run school in the country.

This is the school that John Lewis, a 51-year-old New Zealander, who is Head Master of Geelong Grammar School in Australia, will take over next September. Despite the reforms of his predecessors it will not be an easy task.

Eton is a wholly boarding school with 1,500 beds to fill. It is in the same competitive market as other boarding schools and that market is shrinking. The recession has taken its toll. So has an apparently irreversible trend against boarding. At the same time the flood of refugees from the maintained sector has slackened.

Although no significant independent school has closed, some famous names have made staff redundant, while others are desperately seeking customers in Malaysia and Hong Kong. It is only a matter of time before a mainstream boarding school collapses.

What the heads of the more secure independent schools think but dare not say in public is that this will be no bad thing. Getting rid of the weaker brethren will strengthen the independent sector as a whole. But such Darwinian realism is bound to cause tensions between the obvious survivors and those who feel threatened.

It is in this context that the appointment of John Lewis has an importance beyond the playing fields of Eton. The independent sector looks to Eton for leadership. Two Eton Head Masters, Robert Birley and Michael McCrum, played key roles in forging the unity of the independent sector, and although Eric Anderson has preferred not to seek office in the Headmasters' Conference, his influence has been considerable. The Head Master of Eton cannot withdraw from public school politics, least of all when the scramble for survival is likely to provoke bitterness and recrimination.

How Mr Lewis decides to play his influential hand will help to determine whether the unity of the independent sector can be maintained. Independent schools look to Eton for leadership in another sense. Whether the other schools like it or not, Eton is the flagship. If Eton's self-confidence falters or its standards fall, the credibility of the independent sector may be called in question.

The selection of a new head is important to all schools; in the independent sector where the head's power to advance or undermine the school's fortunes is so great, it is vital. The days when an independent school with a great tradition had sufficient momentum to survive a bad head are gone. In a shrinking market, even the most prestigious boarding schools can ill afford the wrong choice.

How typical of the Fellows of Eton to employ headhunters while the governors of other schools cling to outdated procedures that have proved so fallible in the past. The decline of some well-known independent schools can be traced directly to the blunders of the governing body in selecting the head.

It looks as though Eton has once again found the right man for the job. With one possible exception, Eton's Head Masters since the war have been outstandingly able men. They have had to be. The role is a demanding one. Not only is Eton the largest boarding school. Its talented staff contains many prima donnas who refuse to accept the decisions of middle management and insist that the Head Master himself should adjudicate their pedagogical disputes.

The boys, too, expect the Head Master to deal with their peccadillos. In the Eton system, the housemaster investigates crime but the Head Master pronounces sentence on a daily basis. Add to this relentless routine the penalties of fame — Eton receives on average eight enquiries from the press every week — and you have one of the most high-pressure jobs in the business. Mr Lewis's priority will be to maintain Eton's strength in the market. The 1,500 beds still have to be filled. The danger is that Eton may become the victim of its own success.

Whereas once an Eton education opened doors, now it may close them. Fears that Oxbridge colleges are prejudiced against Etonians are not altogether unfounded; Tory constituency parties are wary of putting Etonians on their shortlists, and in an increasing number of jobs it is thought prudent to play down your Eton connection.

We have not reached a point where an Eton education like a prison sentence is best left off the *curriculum vitae*, but many Etonians are finding that when they leave school they have to prove themselves in a way that pupils from other schools do not. If parents thought that, despite its excellence, an Eton education might place their son at a disadvantage, the implications could be far-reaching. It is yet another reason why the independent sector will be watching with more than passing interest how John Lewis tackles the top job.

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John Lewis, with his wife Vibeke: Eton's place in the market is crucial









Former Head Masters: (clockwise, from top left): John Keate, 1809-1834; Sir Robert Birley; Michael McCrum; Eric Anderson

A system that stifles schools

Why the old 'basic need' rule is basically no longer needed

YOU will not find it in any statute. Ministers do not spell it out in speeches. Few outside the closed world of the Department for Education and the local education authorities have ever heard of it.

Yet the "basic need" rule is the thrombosis at the heart of state education. By its doctrine, rigidly enforced by the department in concert with the Treasury, successful schools have been prevented from expanding and new schools from being promoted. We have a school system that is frozen in time.

Simply put, the department will not fund additional school places, at any school, if there are surplus places within two miles (for primary schools) or within three miles (for secondary schools). For such new places, there has to be "basic need". If there is no "basic need", bids for capital expenditure to fund new places will be turned down.

In practice this means that successful schools cannot expand. They may be consistently oversubscribed; they may have surplus land; they may have spare buildings. But if there is an unsuccessful, under-subscribed school nearby, with a few empty desks, a successful school is not allowed to expand.

Now, not every school wants to expand. Nobody wants a return to huge split-site conglomerates. But the overall size of a school should be decided by its governors, and if they can show that their proposals are based on proven parental demand, it is no business of government, whether local or central, to block them.

The effect of such blocking is to frustrate parental choice, and to condemn more and more pupils to schools that their parents have deliberately rejected. Thus the undersubscribed schools are protected, and prevented from having to respond to falling rolls. Far from eliminating surplus capacity, the end result has been to create it. With no incentive to tackle empty places, there are now more than eight million.

Successful schools are equally frustrated. They cannot, like other institutions, develop organically. They cannot make full use of their land and buildings. And they cannot respond flexibly to parental demand for new specialist provision or for new age ranges.

The "basic need" rule has other, equally pernicious effects. It discriminates quite unfairly against church schools, since most of the surrounding surplus places which are calculated against their plans to expand are non-denominational. With the growing demand for schools with a strong moral and religious ethos, it is extraordinary that the government still tolerates a rule that favours the secular and the unsuccessful.

Nor does the rule take any account of performance. It ignores the achievements of the successful school as shown by its results or by its record of oversubscription. Now that such results are openly available and published, it seems odd not to apply them in the allocation of capital expenditure.

VIEWPOINT



MICHAEL FALLON

Even in strict financial terms the rule is inefficient. It may often make sense to replace outdated facilities with larger, more cost-effective classrooms and laboratories, or to build allowing for future expansion. And although there is of course a "cost" to any surplus place, most of that cost now falls upon the school itself. It already has every incentive to recruit up to capacity.

Above all, the "basic need" rule effectively fossilises the entire system. In a total system of 2,400 schools only 20 or so new schools open each year, almost all of them in areas of new population growth.

The new Education Act does allow new promoters to put up proposals for new schools but, while the rule remains in place, these will in practice only be for schools on brand new housing estates where fresh capacity is needed.

If ministers are worried that any relaxation of the basic need rule will increase further the number of surplus places, that same Act contains the remedy. For the first time the Secretary of State and the Funding Agency now have the power to order closure plans.

The rule is the legacy of an archaic system of school funding which has already changed. It helps to fossilise failure and to prevent organic change. The basic need rule is basically no longer needed.

● *The author, a former schools minister, is an adviser to the Social Market Foundation.*

The University of the Highlands could bring economic revival to the region and be a model for electronic, distance learning

Bytes to block the brain drain

THE HIGHLANDS of Scotland have always produced some of the best brains in the country. The recent education league tables showed that in terms of examination results, Shetland was the best performing area of Scotland.

Over 40 per cent of the school-leavers in the Highlands go on to further education, but to do so they have to leave home. The region, bigger in size than Belgium but with a population of only 370,000, has no university. Traditionally, many students head for the universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen. Most do not return.

It is a problem which has long concerned those trying to repopulate the Highlands. Now there is renewed enthusiasm for a new-style university which, promoters say, could point the way to the higher education of the future.

A team inspired by Sir Graham Hills, the former principal of the University of Strathclyde, has drawn up a blueprint for a University of the Highlands and Islands. It will comprise an electronic campus where students are linked by computer and video with their tutors and classmates. Courses will be bought in and face-to-face lecturing would be non-existent.

The new university would not be based in one place, but made up of existing colleges in the region. Students would be required to own or have access to a personal computer which would be linked to a university-wide electronic mail and computer conferencing system.

The emphasis would be on general degrees in the arts and science, but courses would also draw on the region's strengths. Degree courses in subjects such as marine technology, tourism and Gaelic would be offered, and all students would be encouraged to spend one year abroad, possibly in France or America.

"It will have implications across the higher education spectrum," says Sir Graham. "It will mean the end of the chalk and talk which has characterised British universities for 250 years and will herald the dawn of a new, exciting era."

Sir Graham is working closely with Richard Hooper, one of the founders of the Open University. Hooper talks about the "tremendous deconstruction" already taking place within higher education and in fact predicts the end of speech-based learning altogether.

> 'It will mean the end of the chalk and talk which has characterised British universities for 250 years'

Courses will be standardised and the best courses from other educational establishments, both here and abroad, will be bought in. Students will teach themselves from books, tapes and videos; lecturers will act as tutors, motivating students and helping them to choose and understand courses.

There are many practicalities which have yet to be overcome. Achieving university status is the main one. To receive validation the new university will need to attract 4,000 full-time students. At present, the number is less than half that. However, until it receives university status, students will not be attracted in large numbers from other areas of the UK.

Then there is the problem of research. Although some of the colleges involved in the project already have links with scientific organisations and businesses with whom they can collaborate on research, others do not have the necessary facilities or expertise.

To be granted university status the new university will have to prove that its courses are up to degree standard. At present some of the colleges run degree courses in conjunction with Aberdeen and Stirling Universities, but the University of the Highlands has opted to go it alone rather than to be connected with an existing institution. This will mean retraining staff and hiring new staff.

The thorny subject of funding for the new university has also yet to be thrashed out. Research commissioned by the university suggests that the cost of developing the project is £34 million over five years, with a further £7.8 million needed for technology.

Highland and Islands Enterprise has committed £400,000, and is lobbying for a £5 million grant from Brussels, to fund the initial research into the project.

There is a strong argument in favour of investing some of the £250 million of European "Objective One" funding — which Highland Region is set to receive over the next six years — in the new university which, it is argued, will generate jobs, research and investment.

While there is much enthusiasm among the 13 participating colleges for the idea, staff acknowledge that working together over such long distances could prove problematic.

For educationists in the Highlands, the university represents the biggest economic development project in the region which has just been classified as among the poorest areas in Europe. Given funding, and with the current level of enthusiasm, it could be up and running by the year 2000.

GILLIAN BOWDITCH

Big band out of Africa

Musicians from Stellenbosch University are showing off the new face of South Africa

Sounds of Saigon drifted through the early morning chill of the Scottish Highlands last week as the new South Africa showed its face to one of the public schools of Britain.

The 12-concert tour by Stellenbosch University's symphonic wind ensemble began in the chapel of Gordonstoun School with a selection from the musical *Miss Saigon*. As an old Gordonstoun hand said: "It makes a change from a story, a hymn and a prayer."

The political changes in South Africa in the past two years have allowed the 50-piece ensemble to embark on tours that previously would have been awkward to arrange. Mervyn Solomon, the conductor since 1991, says: "The difficulties in the past for tours such as this would have been financial — and the fact that many people would only invite us if they were convinced that the band was genuinely multi-racial and did not just have the token black. I am able to say that we are truly multi-racial and that players are only there through their musical ability."

The visit has been made possible by grants and sponsorship that would not have been so readily available two years ago.

The tour resulted from a meeting at an international music conference in Manchester in 1991 between Mr Solomon and Tony Garton, director of woodwind and percussion at Repton School, Derbyshire. Mr Garton has already visited Stellenbosch to judge a music festival and to be a guest conductor. The return visit to Britain began with three concerts at Gordonstoun followed by others in Staffordshire and Nottingham. The band moves to Repton for Christmas concerts tomorrow and Wednesday.

Accommodation is being provided by the schools but the group has had to find the transport costs which make up the bulk of the total £33,400 bill. The university contributed £5,000, the South African government £4,000 and various South African companies sponsored individual players, while 22 paid the full cost of £660.

"This is an absolutely marvellous opportunity for the band," Mr Solomon says. "Musicians, like many other groups in South Africa, have tended to be isolated and they will benefit from being able to talk to other musicians. Sheet music is very expensive in South Africa and as a result our repertoire is somewhat limited. I have contacts in Britain and America and also pick up piles of music when I attend conferences."

The new freedom in South Africa has allowed Stellenbosch musicians to visit black townships and run master classes for young blacks, which, says Mr Solomon, "would have been frowned on before". Stellenbosch also gives music and singing lessons to local children.

As some South African universities are closing their music departments because of education cutbacks, Stellenbosch is one of only two to have a dean of faculty and is extending its music teaching. The wind band is made up of students reading law, medicine, engineering and economics as well as music. Mr Solomon, a former solo trumpeter with the South African Navy band, expects that one or two of the music students will go on to become professional musicians, and that the rest will go into teaching.

The visit to Gordonstoun came at a time when the school is beginning to rebuild its reputation for music. Mark Pyper, the headmaster, says: "We need to cater for the expert and the purist but we are also interested in the music-for-all syndrome. Specialism is okay for the person who will go on to be principal violin in a symphony orchestra but you also want to help the non-musician to grow up with some culture. We need to maintain the high level of music in the school and attract top rate musicians."

The big band sound and the African music played by the Stellenbosch group is not particularly familiar to Gordonstoun.

"The more the young are faced with different types of music the better, and a group like Stellenbosch helps," Mr Pyper says. "We tend to concentrate on classical orchestral music and the school will not have heard much of the big band sound. It is important that an international school like Gordonstoun sees different cultures."

The mix of cultures works both ways. Juanita Losch, a 20-year-old of Asian origin who plays the piano and clarinet, says: "When I arrived in Britain I was aware for the first time that I was being considered a black and that English people were wondering how, say, white boys reacted to me. They did not understand that in the band we all live together and get on together."

While outsiders may view the future of South Africa with some apprehension, Juanita is full of confidence: "People in South Africa are getting closer together. We are students, we are all young and we all want to live together. We see ourselves as the future of South African and we want it to start now."

DAVID TYTLER





The Stellenbosch ensemble in action at Gordonstoun School

Capitalisation, week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 29. Dealings end December 10. §Contango day December 13. Settlement day December 20. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3,925.70	Abbey Ntl	452	+46	11.8	3.3	17.4
1,849.80	Allied Irish	281	+11	...	3.7	14.3
2,891.20	Aus New Z	221	-12	...	4.0	∞
10,576.70	Bankamerica	2975 †	+100	...	...	...
1,303.10	Bk of Ireland	277	+5	...	4.5	20.4
22.20	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
3,472.90	Bank Scotland	213	+22	4.6	2.7	28.9
9,871.90	Barclays	609	+53	...	2.6	...
0.84	Benchmark	4¼	...	...	...	5.9
6.70	Carlisle	22	+2½	...	...	...
143.40	Cater Allen	595	+37	28.0	6.0	...
157.20	Cater	142	+3	...	4.0	18.9
3,570.70	Chase Manh	2287½	+69½	...	...	...
8,750.40	Citicorp	2393½	+43½	...	...	...
217.80	Close Bros	483	+38	...	2.8	17.6
4,377.80	Commerzbk	£147½	+51½	...	2.7	...
16,145.50	Deutsche Bk	£339	+81½	...	1.8	...
111.20	First Nat Fin	68	+2	...	0.9	...
40,565.90	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
179.10	Gerrard Nat	458	+8	21.5	5.9	12.2
6,198.60	HSBC	755	+14	20.0	3.3	18.1
13,109.80	HSBC HK	768	+14	20.0	3.3	18.4
678.50	Hambros	384	+36	14.3	4.7	17.7
22.00	Joseph (L)	420	+2	16.7	5.0	...
22.30	King Shaxson	141	-1	9.0	8.0	...
705.90	Kleinwort Ben	534	+35	16.7	3.9	18.5
8,037.80	Lloyds	626	+50	19.1	3.8	17.9
57.40	Lon Scot Bk	95	...	2.9	3.8	18.8
7,070.20	Nat Aust Bk	538	-2	...	4.0	∞
9,809.60	Nat West	596	+57	17.8	3.7	36.2
585.20	Provident	438	+35	12.4	3.6	19.0
19.60	Rea Bros	50	...	0.5	1.4	53.1
3,414.20	Ryl Bk Scot	430	+46	...	3.3	22.5
1,220.10	Schroders	1208	+40	...	1.2	24.1
2,745.70	Stand Chart	1153	+110	20.5	2.2	...
3,605.30	TSB	237½	+28½	6.4	3.4	...
31.90	Union Disc	168	...	...	...	...
1,924.80	Warburg SG	887	+53	...	2.8	13.0
4,411.10	Wells Fargo	7962½	+93½	...	2.5	...
3,471.40	Westpac	198	-13	...	2.6	∞
27.10	Wintrust	320	...	9.3	3.6	28.6

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,407.40	Allied-Lyons	611	+15	...	4.4	16.7
4,609.10	Bass	531	-52	...	4.8	14.0
332.90	Boddington	276	+34	7.5	3.4	16.1
227.30	Bulmer (HP)	433	+9	...	2.9	18.9
37.00	Burtonwd Brw	178	+5	4.7	3.4	14.9
24.30	Eldridge P 'A'♠	125	+2	...	3.3	31.1
2,092.30	Fosters Brewing	65	+3	...	4.0	∞
24.20	Fullr Sm 'A'♠	415	+7	...	2.2	17.8
9,002.80	Grand Met	434½	+44½	...	3.8	16.6
851.50	Greenalls Grp	408	+37	12.0	3.7	13.5
241.10	Greene King	570	+14	...	2.5	16.1
9,457.70	Guinness	471	+20	...	3.2	17.6
59.20	Hardy Hanson	237	-3	7.8	4.1	13.2
2.92	Heavitree♠	115	...	3.0	3.3	22.4
422.80	Highland Distl	334 †	+6	...	2.5	16.6
93.80	Holt J	3125	+25	42.0	1.7	20.4
4.38	Hoskins Brew	75	+5	...	...	54.0
383.80	Invrgordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
151.40	Macallan-Glen	130	+7	4.3	4.2	28.2
53.40	Macdn Martn 'A'	393 †	+2½	...	2.8	18.7
122.70	Mansfield	192	+3	...	2.5	13.8
257.30	Mrstn Thmp	284 †	+12½	...	2.4	17.2
125.50	Matthew Clark	553	+20	...	4.1	18.4
27.00	Mrrydwn W	223	+5	7.0	3.9	17.5
111.30	Morland	525 †	+7	9.7	2.3	∞
4.15	Paramount♠	8½	+¼	...	...	...
29.30	Regent Inns	200	+8	...	2.8	20.3
6,464.20	SA Breweries	1195	+119	...	2.3	20.2
2,851.40	Scot & New	538	+56	...	3.9	16.7
202.20	Taunton Cider	185	+10	6.0	4.1	15.1
373.70	Vaux Group	270	+10	9.3	4.5	18.6
104.60	Wetherspoon JD	334	+2	...	2.0	25.9
2,917.20	Whitbread 'A'	561 †	+33	...	4.0	13.5
350.60	Wolvrhmptn D	532	+44	11.8	2.8	15.0
14.10	Young 'A'	485 †	+12½	14.7	3.8	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
54.20	Abbey	140	+5	...	1.7	23.0
13.70	Albrighton♠	19	...	...	...	...
39.20	Allen♠	147	+2	...	4.3	32.9
228.30	Amec	113	+4	3.0	3.3	20.9
2.48	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
96.00	Ashtead♠	320	+15	...	1.8	33.8
359.00	Atwoods	127 †	-9	...	4.9	...
1,493.10	BPB Ind	300 †	-34	...	3.2	35.9
35.70	Baggeridge Brk	90	-1	3.1	4.3	30.2
2.72	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.6	2.9	...
15.40	Barcom	83	...	1.2	1.9	15.1
240.80	Bardon	43½	+2½	2.0	5.7	21.4
348.80	Barratt Devs	193	+11	4.0	2.6	∞
220.60	Bellway	452 †	+11	12.0	3.3	∞
17.10	Bellwinch	39	+1	...	...	...
345.10	Berkeley Gp	450	+19	...	1.7	28.2
16.50	Bett Bros	110 †	+9	...	2.3	14.2
12.00	Blockleys	47	-2½	1.0	2.7	51.9
2,332.00	Blue Circle	337	+13	...	4.2	...
71.00	Boot (Henry)	273	...	6.0	2.7	15.3
26.20	Breedon PLC	92	+5	4.6	6.2	22.6
22.90	Br Dredging	130	+2	5.2	5.0	28.9
19.30	Brit Fuzings	81	...	1.7	2.7	...
422.00	Bryant	153	+8	...	1.9	30.9
41.50	CALA	118	+2	...	2.4	...
1,167.70	CRH	335	+12	...	2.6	18.4
1.80	Cakebread Rby	30	...	...	...	...
139.80	Costain	27	-½	...	...	...
113.70	Countryside	149	+7	...	3.4	39.4
75.70	Crest Nicholson	99	+5	0.0	...	...
18.20	Cussins	102	+4	...	1.2	...
2.27	Dunton♠	4½	-¼	...	...	...
10.00	Edmond Hldgs	19	+¼	0.3	2.0	...
54.80	Epwin	278	-6	7.0	3.1	23.5
26.50	Erith	56	+2	0.3	0.8	...
47.90	Eve Group♠	503	...	...	2.5	18.2
6.47	Explaura♠	4½	+¼	...	...	...
9.06	Freeman Gp♠	131	...	...	4.8	20.8
33.70	Galliford	38	...	...	3.3	...
1.39	Gibbs & Dandy	80	...	...	3.1	...
92.40	Gleeson (MJ)	915 †	+1½	12.7	1.7	∞
297.20	Hewden-Stuart	156	+1	...	2.6	27.8
3.97	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	33.6
285.70	Heywd Wim	382	+45	13.0	4.5	...
48.40	Higgs & Hill	110	+2	2.5	2.8	...
11.50	How Gp	28	+1	...	5.0	...
5.38	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
170.20	Ibstock Johnsen	68	+2	1.0	1.8	...
9.15	Jarvis	13½	+¼	...	...	...
140.10	Laing (J)	306	+11	9.0	3.7	12.2
48.40	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	120½	+2	...	6.6	...
9.98	Ln Clydeside♠	110	...	4.5	5.1	41.4
13.30	Lovell (YJ)	16	+¼	...	...	7.3
117.10	Manders	313	+6	9.3	3.7	19.2
494.00	Marley	174	-6	4.2	3.0	51.0
149.40	Marshalls	123	+1	...	4.1	...
46.90	Maunders (J)	190	...	...	3.4	18.3
115.30	McAlpine (A)	204	...	6.5	4.0	35.3
28.80	McCarthy & S	41	+1	0.5	1.5	...
592.60	Meyer Int	476 †	+24	...	2.6	47.7
130.10	Mowlem (J)	120	...	4.0	4.2	...
26.60	NSM	155	+7	...	...	...
9.01	Needler ♠	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
189.50	Newman Tnks	157	+4	...	5.3	21.0
274.00	Persimmon	279	+2	8.6	3.9	28.5
2.34	Phoenix Timber	10	...	...	...	...
16.10	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	21.8
118.60	Prowting	153	+6	3.4	2.8	...
5.05	Quiligotti♠	1½	...	...	...	...
1,761.20	RMC Gp	894	+6	...	2.8	33.6
155.90	Raine Ind	83	+6	...	4.5	19.6
2.60	Ramus♠	23	...	...	...	...
2,950.90	Redland	573	+12	25.0	5.5	33.3
12.00	Roskel	80	...	4.3	6.7	11.8
892.40	Rugby Group	305	+11	6.4	2.6	23.4
10.20	Srvlid-Rvea	65	...	...	0.5	...
33.50	Sharpe & Fisher	162	...	...	3.1	28.2
154.50	Sheffield Insl	237	+6	...	2.8	58.2
18.40	Sheriff Hldgs♠	175	+2	...	1.6	28.1
3.19	Shorco♠	93	...	...	7.0	21.1
22.40	Smart (J)	222	...	...	4.8	16.7
6.72	Stannin	2	-½	...	...	...
1,431.10	Tarmac	156	+10½	5.5	4.4	...
37.70	Tay Homes	172	+2	...	4.4	20.4
514.00	Taylor Woodrw	123	+4	1.0	1.0	...
203.80	Tilbury Dougls	603	+15	33.0	6.8	19.6
3.46	Torex Hire♠	34	-1	...	1.5	...
285.10	Travis Perkins	289	+5	8.0	3.5	50.9
12.10	Try Group	28	+2	1.0	4.5	7.9
2.30	Tudor♠	21	...	...	1.5	...
39.60	Vibroplant	86 †	+1	2.5	3.6	30.9
18.40	Ward Hldgs	35	+2	...	...	...
0.88	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
88.80	Watts Blake	427	...	...	3.5	18.4
4.90	Wescol♠	20	...	...	...	...
119.00	Westbury	179	+13	5.0	3.5	27.9
3.66	West Scaffold♠	7	-½	...	...	...
15.60	Wiggins	3½	...	...	...	...
405.90	Wilson Bowdn	436	+18	...	2.5	30.7
354.40	Wilson (C)	187	+6	3.9	2.6	32.4
669.90	Wimpey G	183	+6	...	3.6	...
2.51	YRM	19	-12	0.5	3.3	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
834.50	ADT	601	+21	...	...	...
10.40	Adam & Harvey	243	...	13.0	6.7	4.5
5.41	Air London♠	61	...	...	7.3	10.9
3.10	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
162.80	Auto Sec	139	+6	...	5.5	24.9
1,265.80	BET Ord	139½	+7	...	2.1	5.5
27.50	BNB Res	114	+2	4.0	5.4	...
60.50	BPP	230	-3	8.3	4.5	12.7
39.80	Barbour Index	240	...	8.0	4.2	16.4
20.80	Boustead	24 †	...	0.7	3.6	...
55.90	Brk Data Mgt	230	...	4.7	2.6	16.8
3.51	Broadcastle♠	22	...	...	1.4	17.5
7.71	Brooks Service	64	+5	...	1.0	...
48.90	CRT Gp	92	+5	...	3.8	16.3
90.10	Capita Group	190	+4	...	1.5	29.7
33.60	Casket Plc	42	+2½	...	2.7	16.1
20.80	Chiltern Capital	22½	+2½	...	...	...
12.90	Carlisle	55	+7	...	...	...
1,056.50	Chubb Sec	378	+31	...	1.6	23.5
35.00	Comac♠	109	+5	...	1.7	28.5
13.50	Corp Services	36	...	...	...	...
20.70	Couns Cnslig	87	+3	...	...	...
20.90	Darr	137	...	3.3	3.0	18.4
222.60	Davis Service	218	+5	...	4.6	16.4
8.35	EW Facts	111	+1	4.4	5.0	12.7
28.40	Gardiner	28½	-1	0.4	2.0	18.4
1,084.30	Hays	289	+12	...	2.5	23.5
158.50	Hogg Robinsn	229 †	-½	...	3.7	16.7
17.20	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.4
9,484.30	Hutch Whamp	273	-8	...	1.8	22.8
532.40	ISS B DKr	2050	...	...	1.0	14.1
2,803.40	Inchcape	535	+18	...	3.3	17.4
171.00	Johnson Clean	888	+5	25.7	3.7	18.9
73.80	Lep	8	...	...	...	...
31.10	Mitie Gp	275	...	3.5	1.6	21.4
815.90	Manpower	1096	+52	...	...	...
35.60	Michael Page	59½	...	1.8	3.8	25.3
5.44	Pentas♠	115 †	-4	...	8.7	4.3
1.63	Prime People♠	3½	...	...	...	...
40.00	Proudfoot Alex	64	+1	...	29.3	3.5
41.50	RCO	388	...	14.1	4.6	13.3
8.23	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
48.60	Reed Executive	95	-1	...	...	...
24.80	Reliance Sec♠	110	...	...	3.1	23.9
2,037.20	Rentokil	209	+2	2.5	1.5	28.1
15.90	Rolfe & Nolan	282	...	...	3.2	15.9
1,008.20	Salvesen (C)	349	+10	...	2.8	19.2
3.02	Scott Pickfords	35	...	...	2.9	11.2
16.10	Select App♠	7½	...	...	...	...
147.90	Serco Gp	1275	+47	13.3	1.3	18.3
5.73	Sherwd Cmp♠	94	-1	...	9.3	2.7
58.60	Sketchley	101 †	...	...	3.7	23.1
78.20	Warner Howrd	330	...	6.6	3.5	17.2
12.50	Weipac	28	...	...	...	...
36.40	Wills Gp	26	-½	0.4	1.9	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
614.70	Allied Colloids	234	+10	...	2.3	20.6
548.90	Amersham	963	+23	...	1.8	33.3
18.40	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
6,356.10	BASF DM	£111½	+465½	...	5.9	...
382.50	BTP	285	+15	...	4.1	19.6
8,817.60	Bayer DM50	£134½	+434½	...	4.1	...
58.10	Blagden	125	-3	6.5	6.5	13.5
76.90	Brent Chems	114	...	...	8.1	10.4
133.90	Br Bio-Tech	375	+3	...	...	...
3.43	Cabrd Gp	6	-½	...	22.2	16.7
41.30	Canning (W)	146	...	7.2	6.2	16.7
1,873.30	Courtaulds	466 †	+42	...	3.8	11.7
452.30	Croda	345	+3	...	2.9	19.8
13.30	Doeflex	122	...	4.6	4.7	9.4
173.70	Ellis & Everard	210	+4	...	4.2	20.1
10.70	Euro Colour	35½	-½	0.8	3.1	17.0
102.30	Halstead (J)	343	-1	...	2.4	17.0
267.30	Hickson	154	-1	...	6.5	14.3
6,615.30	Hoechst	£111½	+225	...	3.3	...
147.00	Holliday Chem	172	-2	...	2.7	15.8
5,494.40	ICI	761	+39	...	4.5	...
1,291.80	Laporte	678	+20	19.9	3.7	18.7
133.30	Leigh	193	+1	...	5.1	19.6
12.20	MTM	47	-1½	...	...	...
3,876.80	Norsk Hydro	1887½	-28½	...	1.5	26.8
110.00	Paterson Zoch	451	+1	...	3.5	15.2
93.10	-do- 'A'	405	...	...	3.9	13.7
97.80	Plysu	206	+1	...	4.2	13.4
45.40	Porvair	295	-3	3.8	1.6	31.5
26.40	Sutcliffe Speak	47	...	...	...	...
102.50	Wardle Storeys	415	-6	...	3.2	19.2
40.60	Wolstenholme R	548	+10	17.0	3.9	18.7
180.50	Yorks Chem	395	-4	...	2.5	21.2
280.40	Yule Catto	262	-1	...	2.9	16.3
7,521.20	Zeneca	796	+51	...	4.3	47.0

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
38.50	Alexon	67	-1	...	5.6	...
68.60	Amber Day	59	+4	1.3	2.9	∞
1,103.00	Argos Plc	371	+33	...	2.4	31.7
16.90	Ashley Group	12	+2	...	2.0	...
206.70	Ashley (Laura)	88	...	0.1	0.1	...
249.80	Asprey	313	+5	5.1	2.0	21.7
44.70	Austin Reed	146	-1	...	2.1	...
68.70	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	...	5.2	14.9
45.70	Bentalls	109	+9	1.9	2.2	...
151.70	Betterware	148	-10	...	1.8	17.7
13.40	Blacks Leis	42	...	2.2	6.8	...
398.70	Body Shop	213	+8	...	1.0	27.5
72.10	Brown & Jacksn	1½	...	...	0.9	5.8
309.50	Brown (N)	424	+6	...	2.2	24.9
926.30	Burton	66	+4½	2.0	3.8	∞
30.10	Cantors	181	+11	4.0	2.8	...
36.10	Church	334	...	12.5	4.7	29.7
26.30	Clinton Cards	155	+4	4.3	3.5	18.7
1,798.30	Coats Viyella	266	+9	...	3.5	37.0
16.80	Colourvision♠	83	-5	5.6	8.4	14.9
30.10	C'try Casuals	157	-1	...	3.3	14.6
234.20	Courts Furnish	915	+91	5.5	0.8	11.5
2.13	Crown Eyes♠	133	-2	...	6.6	9.1
1,929.90	Dairy Farm Intl	116	...	...	3.1	17.0
115.30	Dewhirst (I)	91½	+2½	0.8	1.1	29.4
1,113.90	Dixons Grp	282	+24	...	2.7	...
3.73	ERA Gp	10	...	...	...	...
6.36	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
17.20	Essex Furn	151	+6	...	2.9	24.2
150.20	Evans	230 †	+8	7.0	3.8	21.1
452.90	Fine Art Dev	569	+26	12.7	2.8	18.6
2.68	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
14.60	Forminster	620	+3	14.0	2.8	11.3
19.20	French Conn♠	120	-5	...	...	...
25.90	Gent SR	70	-1	...	3.8	21.7
17.10	Goldsmiths Gp	78	+5	0.3	0.5	...
5,910.30	GUS	587½	+7½	...	2.3	18.8
3.44	Hampden Grp♠	23	...	...	5.4	11.4
42.90	Hampstone	41	-7	...	8.5	...
35.60	Helene Plc	28½	+2½	2.0	8.8	13.5
3.51	Heritage♠	75	...	...	...	...
5.44	Honeysuckle♠	67	-5	...	4.2	∞
14.80	Jacques Vert	156	...	...	2.4	12.0
4,854.50	Kingfisher	730	+63	...	2.4	25.1
25.30	Leslie Wise Gp	73	...	4.0	6.8	15.0
90.50	Liberty	545	-20	7.2	1.7	64.2
370.90	Lloyds Chem	314½	+4½	7.2	2.9	∞
849.90	MFI	146	+10	...	3.2	30.7
12,994.40	Marks Spencer	433	+35	...	3.0	23.3
311.40	Menzies (John)	560	+3	...	2.4	15.9
38.20	Moss Bros	229	+2	5.5	3.0	26.9
760.10	Next	206	+18	3.5	2.1	24.6
9.86	Oliver (G)	39	...	...	...	...
161.20	Oriflame Intl	302	...	...	4.0	14.8
51.10	Peniea	35½	-½	0.8	2.8	7.4
88.40	QS Hldgs	225	+35	5.1	2.9	16.0
53.70	Rhino Grp♠	60 †	+7	...	...	...
32.00	Rosebys	170	...	...	3.6	20.4
162.90	Sherwood Gp	146	+2	...	2.2	13.2
1,917.70	Sears	127	+11	...	3.4	...
64.50	Signet Group	22	-3	...	...	...
1,343.90	Smith WH 'A'	493	+28	...	3.6	16.2
2.80	Specialeyes♠	18	...	...	...	...
921.30	Storehouse	222	+20	...	2.8	21.7
95.80	T & S Stores	150	+2	6.0	5.0	11.3
73.30	Tie Rack	142	+8	1.0	0.9	23.2
122.50	Time Products	232 †	+8	7.7	4.2	20.0
7.55	Usher (Frank)♠	108	+2	...	6.9	9.3
2,362.60	Vendome	338	+29	...	2.3	15.7
19.80	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
3.29	Wensum♠	44	+2	...	3.3	...
438.00	Wickes	117	+2	...	0.2	53.2
4.39	Wld of Leather♠	54	-6	...	...	...
65.10	Wyevale	170	+6	...	3.1	22.5
3.86	Xtra-vision♠	2½	-½	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
280.30	ACT Group	152	-5	...	4.1	15.3
39.80	Acal♠	275	+12	...	2.9	19.2
60.40	Acorn Comp♠	91	...	...	...	40.1
50.80	Admiral	470	...	5.7	1.5	19.9
75.50	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.3
10.70	Alphameric	39½	...	...	...	...
247.10	Amstrad	42½	-3½	0.5	1.5	∞
15.40	App Holo♠	74	...	...	...	...
22.30	Arden	37	...	...	...	...
230.80	Astec	74½	+4	...	0.4	...
23.00	Beales Hunter	234	+6	...	5.0	14.5
2.65	Bennett & Fount	2½	...	...	...	...
1,422.50	BICC	404	+19	19.2	6.0	...
136.60	Blick	448	+1	...	2.8	18.0
340.80	Borland♠	1200	...	...	...	...
614.60	Bowthorpe	368	+19	6.4	2.2	24.0
29,261.30	BT	471½	+10	...	4.3	17.9
5,849.90	BT P/P	219½	+9	...	4.3	22.4
4.29	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16½	+1	0.1	0.8	...
18.20	Burnfield	53	-4	5.7	13.6	8.4
10,691.80	Cable Wireless	490	+20	...	2.0	25.5
57.20	Chloride	24	+½	...	...	...
47.30	CML Micro♠	270	...	...	2.2	19.6
15.00	Comptr People	108	...	...	...	...
332.80	Cray Elect	151	+4	...	1.2	15.5
48.80	Critchley	423	+9	...	1.4	24.2
717.80	Delta	485	-19	...	3.6	20.3
19.10	Densmans El♠	430	+10	...	1.8	18.3
108.80	Domino	425	-4	7.4	2.2	14.5
94.60	Dowding Mills	64½	+2½	...	4.8	27.6
77.00	Drucks	1203	...	10.0	1.0	25.2
1,008.00	Electrocomponts	480	+25	...	2.2	19.6
57.70	El Data Prc	663	-30	5.1	1.0	18.2
35.70	Electron House	135	+4	2.6	2.4	29.6
20.70	Emess	19½	-1½	0.1	0.6	...
282.10	Eurotherm	631	+2	8.5	1.7	28.7
804.60	FKI	181½r	+1	...	2.3	20.6
729.00	Farnell Elect	544	+37	...	1.5	28.8
8.52	Feedback♠	77	...	...	2.4	10.0
9.36	Fernaui	1#	...	...	...	...
41.00	First Tech	276	+18	...	0.5	33.0
19.80	Forward Gp♠	245 †	-1	...	2.0	22.1
4.93	Forward Tech	14½	...	...	...	...
8,844.50	GEC	323½	-13½	10.4	4.1	16.0
98.40	Graseby	155	...	...	8.8	32.6
27.60	Graystone	10½	+¼	...	...	...
1.57	Hildare♠	42	-1	...	1.5	...
6.46	INSTEM♠	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
59.80	Ind Control	150	...	4.4	3.7	∞
70.60	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
38.10	Kalamazoo	100	+12	2.7	3.4	23.0
3.57	Kambrey	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
120.00	Kenwood App	327	+7	...	3.0	18.2
27.90	Kewill Sys♠	234	-18	...	...	...
15.30	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
3.06	Laser-Scan♠	19	-6	...	...	...
29.30	LHMS♠	163	...	...	0.6	23.0
16.00	Lec Refrig	265	...	9.0	4.2	...
224.40	Life Sciences	132	-4	3.7	3.6	14.3
165.40	Logica	269	+9	...	1.9	31.0
4.34	LPA Ind♠	52	...	...	8.3	14.7
119.10	MR Data Mngmt	215	+8	...	3.0	20.2
149.50	Macro 4	658	-15	...	3.4	20.0
114.70	Memvier-Sw♠	235	+20	...	2.0	20.8
146.70	Micro Focus	1033	-290	...	...	9.5
57.50	Microgen	146	-7	7.2	6.2	9.9
21.20	Microvitec♠	32½	+2½	...	...	...
203.30	Misys	524	+4	...	1.7	19.1
332.70	Mitel	421	+52	...	...	...
15.40	MMT Comp♠	145 †	-3½	...	3.4	19.7
9.71	Molynx	51½	+4½	1.3	...	...
44.00	MTL Inst♠	250	+1	...	1.9	18.8
21.10	Multitone Elect	140 †	+1½	3.5	3.1	25.4
22.20	Murray Enter	233	...	...	2.1	...
11,607.90	NYNEX	£28½	-25	...	...	...
33.40	Neutronics	130	...	2.6	2.5	16.8
2.60	Newmark (L)	36	...	...	...	...
20.40	Norbain♠	289	...	...	0.7	20.7
10.10	Northamber	57	-7½	0.6	1.3	...
11.70	Oceonics	8½	...	...	...	...
145.30	Oxford Inst	299	+18	4.6	1.9	20.5
16.00	P-E Intern'l	73	...	...	...	...
33.00	P & P	61	-1	1.5	3.1	32.4
93.20	Peek	81	+5	3.4	5.2	21.1
14.10	Pegasus♠	214	...	...	3.7	54.9
12.60	Philips Fn 4%	9750	+250	...	5.9	...
4,274.40	-do- Lmp ny	1337½	...	...	...	...
101.80	Photoelink♠	287	+9	...	...	...
25.40	Pifco	224	+1	...	1.9	23.0
18.20	-do- 'A' Voting	284	+1	...	2.0	22.1
3.39	Plasmec♠	73	...	...	5.1	6.2
26.80	Pressac	105	...	...	3.1	22.3
38.10	Psion♠	173	-14	...	1.8	45.9
452.80	Racal Elect	162	-30	4.2	3.3	9.5
7.56	Radamec	41	-2	...	4.6	8.8
7.37	Radius♠	27	-6	2.2	10.4	9.3
5.11	Real Time ♠	73	+2	...	5.1	15.0
6.76	Riva♠	26	...	...	...	33.0
90.00	Sage Gp	439	+7	9.3	2.7	14.1
26.70	Sanderson Elec	300	-4	8.9	4.1	12.8
28.60	Scantronic	75	...	3.1	5.2	18.9
60.10	Scholes Grp	157	...	...	4.0	20.3
289.40	Sema Gp	318	-1	2.9	1.1	25.8
13.40	Silverlines	41	...	...	2.9	...
5.10	Soundtracks♠	51	...	...	5.6	17.2
2,058.70	TDK	2250	-78½	...	1.4	25.5
1.03	TDS Circuits♠	11½	...	...	...	...
133.90	Telemetrix	148	+6	0.8	0.7	24.4
4,135.30	THORN EMI	973	+50	...	4.1	22.3
17.20	Thorpe FW	133	+12	...	2.5	15.5
3.92	Total Systems♠	38	-5	3.0	9.9	6.7
89.30	Tunstall	558	-7	5.7	1.3	22.3
173.50	Unitech	254	+3	...	3.0	60.2
18.00	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
30.50	Vistec♠	25	+2½	...	1.9	14.3
5,603.40	Vodafone	557 †	+47	...	1.7	24.2
109.70	Volex	414	+11	18.1	5.6	16.7
2.86	Western Selectn	19	...	...	...	...
36.90	Wholesale Ftgs	260	-8	11.7	5.6	27.6

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,315.80	East Midlands	603	+35	...	4.0	11.3
1,692.70	Eastern Elect	626	+32	...	4.1	11.8
1,591.50	Hydro—Elect	415	+20½	...	3.4	15.0
1,339.10	London Elect	614	+26	...	4.0	13.6
798.30	Manweb	672	+22	...	3.9	9.7
1,353.20	Midlands Elec	645	+33	...	3.9	11.6
5,342.00	National Powr	418	+18	...	3.3	10.4
806.30	Northern Elec	685	+24	...	4.1	9.5
544.80	Nthn Ireland	211	+18	...	3.8	11.1
1,165.70	Norweb	675	+23	20.0	3.7	10.5
3,665.20	PowerGen	467½	+21½	...	3.0	12.2
3,406.70	Scottish Power	418	+11	...	3.5	15.4
861.90	Seeboard	676	+32	...	3.7	10.9
708.20	Sth Wales	697	+46	...	4.0	11.6
781.70	Sth Western	655	+29	...	3.9	10.1
1,734.40	Southern Elec	640	+26	...	3.8	11.7
1,339.80	Yorkshire Elec	646	+19	...	4.0	12.2

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
33.30	Aitken Hume	55	...	1.0	2.3	11.7
23.90	BWD♠	128	+3	...	3.1	20.0
30.50	Baltic Plc	101	...	...	1.2	...
517.70	Caledonia	623 †	+27½	...	3.1	23.2
46.30	Camellia	1850	+3½	...	2.0	6.9
67.80	Candover	304	+4	10.4	4.3	21.5
97.40	Flexech♠	284	+1	...	0.2	...
233.30	Gover	332	+8	...	4.9	9.7
47.80	Ivory Sime	165	+2	...	4.9	15.5
3.31	LIT	9½	+1	...	...	...
235.00	Lon Forfaitng♠	235	+7	8.7	4.6	17.1
15.40	Manakin	76	+2	5.0	8.2	∞
9.56	Nat Home Loan	9¼	+¼	...	...	...
18.50	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
60.10	Rathbone Brs	305	...	6.5	2.7	18.5
50.10	Rutland Tst	19½	+1	...	5.1	11.6
33.10	S & U	309	+5	10.2	4.1	11.5
152.00	Singer & Fried	70	...	...	4.7	...
341.00	Sothebys	1005	+12	...	3.4	...
309.30	SJP Capital	113	-2	3.0	3.3	46.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10,467.00	Amer Express	2175	+115½	...	...	...
208.20	Henderson Ad	973 †	+17½	...	5.4	22.4
422.40	Invesco	171	+14	...	2.2	...
2,371.20	Jardine Strat	251	-3	...	3.1	10.5
777.50	MAI	239	+18	...	1.6	15.1
1,284.40	MAM	683	+50	16.0	2.9	17.1
716.50	M & G	954	+25	...	2.8	25.4
220.00	Smith New Crt	423	+30	...	1.8	6.4
27.30	Trio Hldgs	49	+3	...	7.7	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,415.60	AB Food	538	+29	...	3.5	11.0
1,471.20	ASDA Group	50½	-1½	1.6	3.9	12.2
104.30	Acatos & Hutch	316	...	7.6	3.0	18.2
387.30	Albert Fisher	64	+3	3.7	7.3	∞
2,861.10	Argyll	255	-8	...	5.5	9.0
18.60	Banks (S C)	220	...	9.0	5.1	9.8
57.60	Barr (AG)	305	...	6.5	2.7	15.4
11.30	Bensons Crsp♠	62	+1	...	5.7	13.9
106.30	Berisford Intl	107	+3	...	...	...
839.60	Booker	394	-7	...	6.9	34.2
28.90	Borthwick	50	...	...	3.0	61.5
240.30	Brake Bros	474	-1	6.3	1.7	19.7
68.30	Budgen	42	+2	...	3.0	12.8
3,871.40	Cadbury-Schw	467	+22	...	3.3	16.5
8.78	Carrs Milling	129	...	3.9	3.8	25.8
19.00	Cranswick	141	-2	...	7.1	10.6
3.40	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
15.80	Dalepak	136	-2	6.0	5.5	10.7
1,106.40	Dalgety	484	+21	...	5.3	13.8
4.16	Daniels S	30	...	...	0.6	...
340.20	Devro	252	-9	...	2.7	26.0
25.40	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
83.90	Farepak	371	+2	5.7	1.0	22.8
1.81	Furlongford	7	...	...	...	...
72.80	Finlay (James)	73	+1	...	7.1	24.2
280.50	Fyffes	100	-5	...	1.5	18.0
221.90	Geest	309	-15	8.1	3.3	13.9
16.90	Global♠	14	...	...	4.5	21.8
19.40	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
357.00	Hazlewood Fds	154	+13	...	5.4	8.5
1,025.70	Hillsdown	149	+1	8.8	7.4	11.7
441.90	Iceland Group	161	-8	...	2.7	10.2
43.20	JLI Group	104	+4	...	5.7	11.3
842.00	Kwik Save	545 †	-8	...	4.2	9.8
81.70	Low (Wm)	153 †	+6½	...	6.9	5.4
94.30	Matthews (B)	76	+3	2.3	3.9	49.8
12.70	Merchant Retail	14	+3	0.9	8.6	28.3
635.20	Morrison (W)	89	+2	...	1.2	11.6
89.30	Nichols (JN)	226	...	5.5	3.1	16.4
1,209.00	Nthn Foods	211	-9	...	5.1	10.2
5.25	Nrthmbrn Fds♠	11	-1	...	...	...
241.10	Nurdin Peack	190	+10	...	4.1	10.5
127.60	Park Foods	244	-1	...	3.1	18.8
101.90	Perkins Food	83	+3	...	6.7	9.5
96.20	PizzaExpress	106	+6	...	0.6	22.4
5.60	Regina Hlth♠	4	...	...	...	...
7,318.50	Sainsbury J	410 †	+13½	...	3.1	14.4
3.18	Sentry Farms♠	73	...	...	2.6	13.1
31.10	Sims Food	104	-2	...	9.0	20.0
1,431.20	Tate & Lyle	400 †	+4½	...	4.1	10.6
3,789.00	Tesco	192	-4	...	4.8	8.7
105.70	Thorntons	166	+1	...	2.7	...
13.30	Treats♠	140	-1	...	3.3	16.0
812.90	Unigate	348 †	+8	...	5.9	11.4
1,753.50	Utd Biscuits	334	+1	...	5.7	20.7
19.80	Usborne	21½	...	...	3.1	15.9
108.60	Watson & Phil	280	-6	13.2	5.9	14.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3.12	Abrdn Stk H♠	26	...	...	...	...
158.40	City Centre Rest	83	...	1.5	2.4	20.0
2,103.30	Forte	244	+9	...	3.8	19.1
25.20	Friendly Hotels	152	...	...	4.7	29.6
8.08	Harmony Leis♠	10½	-¼	...	...	...
49.90	Jurys Hotel	147 †	+23	...	4.3	11.9
1,654.50	Ladbroke	145	-17	11.1	9.6	12.4
539.80	Mandarin Ornt	78	-1	...	4.3	19.3
439.00	Queens Moat	47¼#	...	...	3.7	...
160.50	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85#	...	7.5	11.0	...
5.97	Regal Hotels♠	1½	...	...	...	...
49.80	Resort Hotels	45#	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
12.10	Ryan Hotels E	18½	...	...	6.4	...
228.80	Savoy Hotel 'A'	800	...	7.0	1.1	...
240.30	Stakis	63	+4	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9.20	AAF Inds	40	+2	...	27.5	2.4
431.10	AAH	491 †	+2	...	4.5	15.8
19.20	AIM	138	...	7.5	6.8	8.4
329.80	APV	112	+8	...	6.0	...
105.90	ASW	158	+13	...	4.7	...
126.80	Adwest	156	+4	...	5.8	15.0
7.98	Aerospace Eng	21	+1½	...	4.5	27.6
65.20	Airsprung	275	...	...	2.0	17.6
62.60	Alexdra W	186	+4	4.1	2.8	29.4
3.44	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
86.00	Alumasc	283	+2	...	2.6	16.7
19.80	Alvis	36	...	1.0	3.5	7.4
25.40	Amber Ind	650 †	+46	...	3.7	14.9
12.40	Amberley Gp♠	46	...	...	2.7	...
37.70	Anagen	81	...	...	...	...
12.00	Andrews Sykes	84	...	...	6.5	...
298.60	Antofagasta	950	+40	...	2.1	17.6
12.70	Armour	47	+1	...	4.4	11.2
41.20	Ash & Lacy	158	+5	6.4	5.1	16.2
7.22	Ass Br Eng	2¼	...	...	2.3	...
128.80	Avon Rubber	488	-5	...	4.2	19.5
29.30	Assoc Nursg♠	265	+10	...	0.5	16.2
52.80	Atlas Equip	508	...	...	5.4	12.8
6.80	Ayrshire Metal	68	...	...	...	...
720.50	BBA	178	-11	...	5.3	15.1
5.84	BLP Group♠	88	...	...	...	...
24.70	BM Gp	22½	+1½	0.5	3.6	...
3,098.80	BOC	651 †	+31½	...	4.5	15.4
157.10	BSG	60½	+3½	...	6.6	21.1
125.90	BSS Group	494	...	...	4.5	29.0
12,037.30	BTR	346	-1	...	4.0	19.3
74.40	BWI	156	+3	...	5.4	14.4
152.00	Babcock	28½	...	...	4.9	16.9
4.26	Bailey (CH)	7½	+¼	...	...	...
292.90	Baird (Wm)	259 †	+1½	8.9	4.3	18.0
1,362.20	Barlow Rand	693½	+12½	...	4.8	∞
82.90	Baynes (Charles)	60	...	...	3.1	24.6
3.67	Beaufort	4½	...	...	...	...
1.76	Beckenham♠	2	-½	...	...	...
1.47	Bedford (W)♠	31	...	...	...	...
21.50	Benson Group	16½	+½	...	2.3	12.5
79.70	Bespak	315	+27	10.0	4.0	9.9
101.60	Bibby (J)	65	+10	2.0	3.8	∞
4.28	Billam (J)	264	+6	5.3	2.5	13.3
2.44	Bilston Battersea	29	+1	...	...	...
4.51	Bimec Ind	9¼	...	...	...	...
48.30	Birkby	222	+2	3.5	2.0	21.0
7.17	Black Arrow	29 †	+½	2.1	9.1	9.1
7.31	Black & Edgtn♠	1½	...	...	...	...
134.50	Black (Peter)	245	+2	3.7	1.9	21.5
43.50	Bluebird Toys♠	584	+11	...	1.0	17.8
153.70	Bodycote	266	+11	...	2.4	17.0
1.45	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.2
5,704.10	Boots	545	+15	...	3.1	21.7
1.96	Booth Inds	49	+1	0.7	1.8	...
2,230.50	Bowater	447	+5	...	3.3	18.7
495.00	Bowater Inc	1366	+21	...	...	...
55.90	Boxmore Intl♠	252	-18	...	1.9	18.0
12.10	Brasway	15½	+1½	...	4.1	...
129.90	Brammer	290	...	13.0	5.6	21.6
5.87	Bridgend Gp	30	-1	0.4	...	...
65.80	Bridon	116	-7	...	4.3	...
7.11	Bridport-Gndry	71 †	+2	2.5	4.4	∞
1,185.80	Brierley Inv	47	+4	...	7.2	11.4
22.40	Br Bldg & Eng	200	-5	8.0	5.0	∞
3.15	Br Bloodstock♠	83	+5	...	...	...
126.40	Br Polythene	424	+6	...	3.0	13.2
2,480.00	Br Steel	124 †	+5½	...	1.5	...
28.80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
26.70	Br Thornton	166	+7	...	1.9	18.2
527.50	Br Vita	245	+7	7.3	3.7	15.1
74.50	Brittan Grp	14½	+1½	...	1.6	...
12,194.60	Broken Hill	736	-10	...	2.4	34.7
66.10	Bromsgrve Ind	92½	+½	...	5.9	12.0
3.36	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
12.70	Brown & Tawse	40	...	...	...	...
158.30	Bullough	132	+8	6.0	5.7	22.6
7.70	Business Tech♠	16½	...	...	...	...
12.10	CI Group	14 †	+½	0.5	5.1	13.4
6.06	Campbell & Arm	42	+4	...	...	...
34.60	Cannon St	33½	+2	...	...	...
136.90	Cape	258	-2	...	5.1	17.2
2,158.50	Caradon	364	+14	...	3.0	29.4
315.00	-do- pf	175	+4½	7.2	5.2	...
153.40	Cardo Eng	254	+1	8.6	4.2	18.1
1,724.10	Carnaud Mtl	2138	...	...	2.9	∞
4.21	Cassidy Bros♠	78	...	...	3.8	12.8
44.30	Castings	210	+14	4.6	2.8	14.7
157.20	Cathay Intl	56	+1	...	...	...
12.80	Chamberlin Hill	175	...	6.5	4.6	10.9
499.30	Charter	731	+6	...	3.8	17.2
61.40	Chemring	315	-10	...	3.3	19.0
4.34	Chieftain Gp♠	50	...	4.5	11.3	10.7
12.30	Chillington	38	+3	1.0	3.4	...
330.80	Christies Int	210	+2	...	0.9	52.1
10.90	Claytithe	65	...	...	4.8	...
1.20	Clayton Son	55	...	...	...	...
1.22	Co Designers♠	7#	...	...	...	...
7.48	Cohen (A)	403	...	3.4	1.1	...
78.50	Community H	340	+9	...	3.6	16.4
111.40	Concentric	206	+2	5.8	3.6	∞
55.00	Cook (Wm)	251	+13	6.0	3.0	15.2
1,171.40	Cookson	209	+7	...	3.6	27.7
7.71	Copymore♠	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
63.00	Crowll Pkr 'A'	158	-2	...	4.6	21.1
13.60	Cosalt	118	...	5.3	5.9	∞
9.38	Creighton Nt♠	203	-2	...	4.5	14.6
64.20	CrestaCare	38	+7	0.6	2.1	32.9
1,701.90	Dana	3295¼	+100	...	...	...
940.30	Danka Bs Sys	288 †	+4	...	0.7	27.4
126.50	David Brown	220	+9	...	3.4	15.6
1.14	Davies (DY)♠	18	...	...	...	...
1,542.90	De La Rue	804 †	+14	...	3.0	19.4
4.37	Dinkie Heel	33 †	+4½	1.1	4.2	26.3
314.70	Diploma	565 †	+14½	12.0	2.7	∞
111.30	Dobson Park	89	+4	5.0	7.1	16.0
1.83	Dyson (J&J)	111	+2	5.0	5.6	20.4
8.92	-do- 'A'	74	+2	5.0	8.4	13.6
6.56	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
176.80	EIS	401	-2	...	3.8	15.9
2.79	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
13.90	Eleco	48	...	...	...	0.00
1,647.30	Electrolux 'B'	2312½	-21½	...	2.3	...
28.10	Elliott (B)	67	...	...	...	...
1,298.60	Eng China Cl	429	+20	...	5.8	25.0
19.90	Enviromed	138	+3	...	...	∞
5,254.80	Ericsson 'B'	2800	+40½	...	1.0	...
28.10	Eurocopy	58	+4	1.0	2.2	22.5
40.40	Expamet	64	+1	...	4.7	1.5
251.80	Fairey Group	675	...	10.7	2.0	30.8
80.70	Fenner	117	-1	...	...	...
6.84	Ferraris Group	70	-2	2.0	3.6	∞
8.83	Ferromet♠	2½	+¼	...	...	...
4.88	Ferrum	15	...	1.4	11.7	10.5
6.10	Fife Indmar	58	-8	0.7	1.6	...
981.40	Fisons	142	+2	...	7.7	13.2
62.00	Flexitallic	33	...	...	8.6	...
82.20	Flogas	253	...	...	3.9	11.6
10.10	Folkes Group nv	33	...	1.5	5.7	18.7
10.80	French (Thomas)	90	+4	3.6	5.0	48.1
149.20	Frost Group	212	...	...	2.6	27.5
27.60	GBI Int	75	...	...	4.1	...
1,303.70	GKN	494	+10	...	5.2	33.0
6.06	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	4.9	...
3.50	Garton Eng	92	-2	4.1	5.6	...
255.00	Gestetner	136	-2	8.2	7.5	5.9
10.90	Gieves	48	...	...	...	34.7
21,136.20	Glaxo	695½	+40½	...	4.0	18.2
9.92	Glentchewton	38	+2	...	...	...
674.60	Glynwed	327	+15	11.6	4.5	30.8
66.70	Goode Durrant	126	+2	...	5.4	...
97.40	Grampian Hd	141	+6	5.5	4.9	24.5
2,283.20	Granada	490	+40	7.9	2.0	26.1
33.60	Great Sthrn♠	454	+9	...	3.1	18.7
5.95	Green (Ernst)♠	74	-9	...	11.8	11.2
24.20	Greenacre♠	14	+¼	...	2.7	13.9
1.23	Guardian Grp♠	6½	+¼	...	...	...
59.80	Haden MacLn	68	+1½	...	3.7	24.5
5.86	Hadleigh Inds♠	81	+4	...	0.8	...
83.30	Hall Eng	274	-1	8.6	3.9	22.9
419.90	Halma	214	+4	...	1.2	28.7
31.20	Hampson Ind	51	...	1.6	3.9	16.9
13,375.90	Hanson	265½	-13	...	5.4	21.0
17.00	Harris (Philip)	152	-6	...	5.7	9.1
1,369.70	Harrison Crsfld	197	+8	9.0	5.7	28.4
30.10	Havelock Euro	116	...	...	...	...
5.55	Hay (Norman)	37	-1	...	...	...
4.83	Headway	30	...	0.7	2.9	∞
2.27	Heatfire	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
863.70	Hepworth	408	+1	14.8	4.5	17.6
11.60	Hewitt (J)	205	...	3.2	2.0	16.0
2.76	High-Point	54	+3	0.5	1.2	...
49.50	Hill & Smith	166	+1	...	4.2	23.1
15.50	Hobson♠	17	...	...	...	...
5.36	Holders Tech♠	172	...	...	4.4	22.6
35.10	Hopkinsons	45	...	0.8	2.5	34.0
15.20	Hornby♠	187	+1	...	6.0	17.7
28.60	Howden	78	...	2.2	3.5	14.4
21.40	Hunting	220	-4	...	5.7	18.6
131.60	Huntleigh Tech♠	465	+5	...	2.7	11.9
967.30	IMI	298	+11	...	4.2	26.4
43.80	ISA Intl	113	...	1.5	1.7	17.6
34.60	Intercare Gp♠	135	+4	...	2.5	14.3
34.60	Isotron	279	+1	4.3	1.9	16.2
4,226.90	Jardine Math	593	+2	...	2.1	21.5
935.60	Johnson Matth	494	+12	...	2.7	19.1
54.80	Johnson & FB	39	...	3.0	9.6	12.0
17.50	Johnston	167	+19	3.2	...	...
6.42	Jones Shipman	25	...	...	...	...
5.68	Jourdan (T)	30 †	+½	0.7	3.1	...
210.50	Kalon	159	-½	...	2.8	22.1
7.68	Kelsey Ind	250	...	8.0	4.0	...
238.10	Kershaw (A)	685	+25	27.0	4.9	35.5
33.70	Kleeneze	243	+14	...	...	...
6.36	LGW♠	143	...	3.4	3.0	11.9
376.20	Laird	321	-2	...	4.1	15.8
40.30	Lilleshall	150	...	...	3.6	19.7
13.90	Lincat♠	204	...	...	3.7	14.4
8.07	Lincoln Fine♠	32	+3	...	...	26.4
10.78	Linread	89	-17	3.8	5.4	13.8
43.80	Linton Park	285	+25	...	6.1	10.3
20.60	Lionheart	10½	+1	0.2	2.4	...
5.10	Locker (T) A	17 †	+¼	0.8	6.3	24.7
250.40	Lon Intl	148	+8	9.4	8.0	11.3
1,021.60	Lonrho	133	-4	...	3.8	...
327.90	Low & Bonar	336	-2	...	3.5	47.1
58.60	ML Hldgs	39	+1	...	...	...
14.10	MS Intl	52	-2	...	6.0	53.6
20.80	MY Holdings	50	+3	...	3.2	∞
157.20	Macfarlane	208	+7	...	2.0	23.6
406.70	McKechnie	444	+11	14.7	4.2	∞
71.40	McLeod Russel	118 †	+8½	6.1	6.5	∞
7.80	Maddox	1½	...	...	...	...
5.74	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
18.90	Mang Bronze	115	+6	2.5	2.7	∞
44.30	Marling	25	...	...	3.3	...
41.30	Mayborn♠	208	...	...	3.1	16.0
109.00	Mayflower	53	...	...	1.0	45.9
368.70	Medeva	135	+9	...	2.2	18.0
202.90	Meggitt	94	-1	...	5.1	16.0
91.30	Metalrax	112	+2	...	4.2	18.3
32.10	Metrotect	133	-19	...	3.1	16.3
15.00	Metsec♠	97	-1	...	...	...
44.30	Midsummer	88	+5	...	1.1	12.2
8.51	Mining & Ald	20½	-½	0.5	2.4	...
159.00	Molins	513	+3	...	3.5	12.3
720.90	Morgan Cble	331	+10	...	4.8	17.4
20.50	Morris Ashby♠	174	...	...	3.9	13.2
8.18	Neepsend	34 †	+3½	1.0	3.7	45.6
46.40	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
24.10	Nobo Gp	197	+5	4.8	3.0	19.4
307.50	Norcros	176	+5	...	5.1	25.2
24.00	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
151.70	Nu-Swift	343	...	...	...	∞
3.55	Office Elec Mac	58	...	...	...	...
25.00	OMI Intl	56	+12	...	4.0	...
12.30	PCT♠	161	...	...	5.6	18.3
3.90	Pacer Systems♠	83	-3	...	5.2	...
356.70	Pentland	99	+4	...	3.3	13.5
194.30	Photo-Me	327	+6	4.6	1.8	21.2
1,302.80	Pilkington	165½	+5½	...	3.0	...
90.90	Plantsbrook	91	+6	3.1	4.3	14.4
209.30	Polypipe	134	+9	2.1	2.0	18.1
14.10	Porter Chadburn	15	-1	...	3.3	6.9
2.21	Porth Gp♠	11½	+¼	...	...	...
262.00	Powerscreen	304 †	+1	...	2.8	15.8
34.00	Prospect Inds	19½	+¼	0.7	4.9	9.6
6.58	RPS Group♠	35	...	2.3	5.2	12.3
1.16	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
32.10	Ramco Oil♠	177½	+½	...	0.7	59.4
2,972.40	Rank Org	909	+33	31.0	4.3	24.9
8.50	Ransomes	15	-1	...	...	...
2,467.50	Reckitt Colm	658	+20	...	3.2	15.2
23.30	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
5.47	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
55.70	Relyon	265	+8	5.0	2.4	31.8
144.00	Renishaw	285	+3	...	2.8	25.1
79.00	Renold	120 †	-½	...	1.8	...
7,192.00	Reuters	1733	+99	22.1	1.6	28.7
14.50	Rexmore	79 †	+4	2.0	3.2	...
55.30	Ricardo Group	175	+2	...	4.1	24.8
6.11	Richard (Leics)	77	...	3.7	6.4	...
21.90	Richardson West	83	+5	3.0	4.6	31.3
7.98	Ropner	122	...	8.2	8.5	17.3
18.40	-do- 'A'	118	...	8.2	8.7	16.7
19.50	Ross Gp	15	-1	0.6	5.4	6.1
146.90	Rotork	169	+3	...	2.7	19.8
32.40	Rubicon	165	...	...	3.3	23.2
14.60	Russell (A)	62	...	...	1.0	...
19.00	SKP Indl	31 †	...	0.8	3.3	∞
629.50	SKF 'B'	987½	-12½	...	...	...
59.00	Savile Grdn (J)	59	...	...	4.7	28.4
510.30	Scapa	218	+9	...	3.3	18.1
127.00	Scholl	189	-7	...	4.2	13.8
1.79	Scot Heritable	5#	...	...	...	...
185.10	Scotia	287	...	...	...	...
46.10	Securicor	1110	...	2.6	0.3	42.2
649.90	-do- 'A'	847	+17	2.6	0.4	32.2
807.90	Security Serv	737	+2	5.1	0.9	36.5
289.30	Senior Eng	120	+1	...	3.5	20.0
96.00	Seton Health	320 †	+6	...	2.3	18.9
3.26	Sheldon Jones♠	63	...	...	...	...
7.85	Siflow	136	-5	3.0	2.8	14.7
157.00	Sidlaw	287 †	-14	10.5	4.6	∞
2,452.40	Siebe	573	+8	...	2.5	21.5
165.20	Silentnight	350	+16	...	2.9	19.0
2,224.70	Sime Darby	142	...	...	3.8	∞
94.60	Simon Eng	96	+13	...	...	...
40.30	Sinclair (Wm)	185	+2	...	4.7	14.4
19.40	Six Hundred	36 †	+½	...	5.2	...
1,532.50	Smith & Neph	148½	+7½	...	4.0	16.5
5,462.30	SmithKline	399	+4	9.6	3.0	14.4
4,768.40	SmithKline Uts	364	-1	...	3.3	12.3
1,308.50	Smiths Ind	438½	+4	...	3.4	17.6
71.50	Soho Bus	74	...	3.5	5.9	7.0
50.10	Spandex♠	466	+4	...	1.8	20.7
26.80	Spear (JW)	570	-40	4.5	1.1	9.5
264.40	Spirax-Sarco	342	-3	...	3.4	21.5
203.70	Spring Ram	55	+6	...	0.6	18.1
238.50	Staveley	209	+8	...	5.1	11.8
51.80	Sterling Ind	185	+2	...	4.0	28.1
183.40	Suter	167	-1	9.0	0.7	17.5
	Swire Pacific 'A'	462	-10	...	1.9	∞
3.89	Sycamore	3	...	...	...	...
4.90	Sykes-Pick	53	...	...	7.3	10.1
25.00	Sytone	153	...	...	3.9	20.3
1,752.70	TI	378	+20	...	3.6	25.8
6.13	TLS Range♠	26	...	...	1.2	...
329.40	TT Group	322	+7	...	2.6	19.8
284.20	Tabare	227	+12	...	1.0	19.8
6,375.60	Takeda Chem	729	-1	...	0.9	13.8
4.05	Tex Hldgs	61	+1	...	...	...
7.07	Tinsley (E)♠	97	-1	...	7.0	14.9
25.90	Titon♠	230	...	...	2.0	20.0
2,580.20	Tomkins	229	+1	...	3.5	16.9
1,027.50	Trafalgar H	98½	+5½	...	4.2	7.1
73.50	Transfer Tech	77	-1	3.2	5.3	9.5
92.20	Triplex Lloyd	143	-½	...	6.1	17.2
380.20	UniChem	271	+8	6.4	3.0	17.7
70.20	Unidare	395	...	...	5.4	18.3
12.70	Unigroup	41	+4	...	...	...
9,488.70	Unilever	1170 †	+55	22.2	2.4	15.9
12,309.00	Unilever (NV)	7662½	+128½	...	2.2	12.6
304.70	VSEL	804	+9	...	4.7	8.7
16.40	Versum	11½	-½	...	...	...
496.30	Vickers	151	+11	...	1.9	...
115.50	Victaulic	362	+2	...	1.7	12.9
179.10	Vinten	439	+8	...	2.1	20.4
200.90	Vosper Thorny	650 †	+35½	...	3.2	15.2
4.96	WSP Hldgs	41	...	...	8.2	10.7
198.50	Wagon Ind	449	-16	...	4.9	19.5
90.00	Walker Greenbk	94	...	3.1	4.1	24.0
389.10	Wassall	255	+6	2.7	1.3	25.7
318.90	Wtrford Wdgwd	45	+1	...	...	...
445.20	Weir	285	+10	...	2.7	16.1
5,930.30	Wellcome	684	+51	...	3.2	14.5
5.32	Wellman	16½	-3	0.9	6.8	26.9
171.80	West Hlthcare	337	+7	...	1.4	∞
109.40	Whatman	480	-2	9.7	2.5	16.3
72.50	Whessoe	249	-21	...	4.1	9.7
31.50	Whitecroft	72	-1	...	...	...
13.40	Widney	10	...	...	...	...
21.20	Wilkes (James)	120	...	3.5	...	35.1
1,670.90	Williams Hldg	341	-13½	12.5	4.6	17.8
29.70	Wilshaw	44	+1	...	1.6	27.7
2,109.40	Wolseley	703	+63	...	2.1	23.4
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	+20	1.5	1.3	56.5
13.10	Wyko	40	+4	...	3.1	...
8.79	Young (H)	53	+5	3.3	8.0	∞

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
468.00	Alex & Alex	1225	+31½	...	5.4	...
4,148.40	Am Gen	1918½	-31½	...	3.8	...
15.20	Archer (AI)	60	+1	2.7	5.6	29.2
10.50	Berry Bch Nbl♠	162	+3	...	4.2	12.5
73.70	Bradstock	136	...	5.2	4.8	16.8
868.90	Britannic	460	+13	...	3.2	...
3,475.00	Com Union	625	+22	...	4.8	...
118.90	Dom & Gen	1748	...	...	1.6	23.1
111.40	FAI	45	...	...	...	...
3,044.30	Gen Accident	675	+42	26.7	5.0	...
1,796.80	GRE	207	+10	7.1	4.3	17.2
253.40	Heath C E	391 †	-1	...	5.1	...
103.00	Hogg Gp	159	-4	8.1	6.4	14.4
217.90	JIB Group	172	-2	...	5.5	17.6
2,601.50	Legal & Gen	532	+24	...	4.6	32.3
2,422.90	Liberty Life	1039	...	...	10.2	20.3
3,021.40	Lloyds Abbey	449	+13	17.3	4.8	16.1
189.30	Lloyd Thomp	280	+1	6.7	3.0	17.4
466.80	Londn & Man	388	+25	14.7	4.7	28.6
122.40	Lowndes Lmb	431	+13	14.0	4.1	15.3
3,942.10	Marsh McLn	5375	+37½	...	3.3	...
25.60	Oriel	124 †	...	...	5.0	...
20.40	PWS	65	-1	4.0	7.7	9.4
6,813.50	Prudential	360½	+10½	...	4.3	23.9
524.30	Refuge	1020	+42	32.2	4.0	28.3
2,018.40	Royal	311	+16	...	2.6	...
930.20	Sedgwick	181	-10	...	4.1	22.3
67.90	Steel Burrill	145	+1	...	10.3	8.6
31.90	Sturge Hldgs	63	-3	6.5	12.9	6.4
3,018.20	Sun Alliance	374	+14	14.2	4.8	...
158.90	Trade Indemnity	87	+3	...	...	...
981.60	Transatlantic	321	+9	12.0	4.7	29.8
518.40	Utd Friendly	633	+30	15.1	3.0	27.6
939.20	Willis Corroon	225 †	-10½	...	3.7	48.3
5.51	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
923.30	Alliance	1832	+48	45.5	3.1	40.1
229.90	Amer Trust	276	+5	5.2	2.4	57.3
475.10	Ang & O'seas	416	+10	6.8	2.1	52.8
77.80	BZW Conv	154	+10½	7.8	6.4	17.9
299.70	Bankers	193½	+8	3.6	2.4	53.2
172.40	Baring Tribne	336	+11	6.4	2.4	53.1
10.60	Berry Starq	201	+1	2.2	1.4	60.0
412.80	Br Assets	107½d	+2½	...	5.0	25.6
115.00	Br Empire Sec	89½	+4	0.9	1.3	∞
4.12	-do- Wnts	31	+4	...	...	...
645.80	Br Inv	207 †	+14	4.6	2.8	46.7
41.70	Contl Asset	192	+6	2.4	1.6	63.9
18.10	Derby Inc	153	+4	...	11.6	9.2
44.50	-do- Cap	280	+15	...	...	...
11.00	Drayton Blue	87	+5	8.4	12.5	9.3
36.30	-do- Eng Intl	80	+6	1.0	1.6	...
145.70	-do- Far East	126	+5	0.6	0.6	...
31.50	-do- Korea	137	+2	0.5	0.5	...
220.30	Dunedin Inc G	695	+33	...	4.8	32.0
35.20	-do- Japan	83	+4	...	...	...
3.44	-do- Warrants	43	+7	...	...	...
238.50	-do- Wrwde	712	+5	9.5	1.7	∞
48.60	Dundee & Lon	289	+6	9.0	4.0	∞
913.70	Edinburgh	311	+11	8.5	3.4	36.0
494.80	Electra Inv	286	+8	6.8	3.0	39.0
170.00	Electric Gen	188	+6½	3.1	2.1	58.6
1.71	English Scot	113½	+2½	...	...	...
78.60	European Asset	315	+4	...	2.3	40.3
30.70	Finsbury 'A'	128	+4	3.0	2.9	41.2
201.90	Fleming Amer	305	+3	0.8	0.3	...
119.40	-do- Claver	224	+10	...	3.0	44.1
210.90	Do Contl	323	+5	2.7	1.0	...
84.00	-do- Emg	230	+12	...	2.8	42.4
539.80	-do- F East	357	+13	1.1	0.4	...
42.30	-do- Fledg	336	+8	3.0	1.1	...
31.20	-do- Fl Inc	109 †	+10	...	5.0	18.6
251.40	-do- Japan	218	+12	...	0.3	...
424.10	-do- Merc	293½	+6½	6.7	2.9	62.8
390.70	-do- O'seas	301	+8	4.2	1.7	61.0
1,424.10	Foreign & Col	271	+6	...	1.6	73.8
115.00	-do- Emg Mkts	115 †	+5½	0.2	0.3	∞
63.00	-do- Enterprise	67	+1	0.4	0.8	...
131.30	-do- Eurotst	222‡	+5	...	0.7	...
47.90	-do- German	122	+3	0.5	0.5	...
316.30	-do- Pacific	297	+13	...	0.9	...
148.10	-do- Smaller	166	+1	1.8	1.4	...
152.90	GT Japan	245	+20	...	0.6	...
31.10	Genl Cons Cap	172	+10	...	...	...
39.80	-do- Inc	110	+2	...	9.6	11.4
41.40	Govett Am Smlr	166	+7	...	...	...
34.80	-do- Emg Mkts	116	+7	...	...	...
629.00	-do- Oriental	350	+10½	0.0	0.3	...
287.10	-do- Strategy	272	+11	...	3.1	38.0
47.50	Greenfriar	413	+7	...	1.9	62.0
0.82	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
366.10	Inv Cap	148	+7	...	4.3	28.4
27.80	I&S UK Smlr	96 †	+3	2.8	3.6	25.8
170.90	Kleinwort Chrt	211	-6	5.0	3.0	41.1
193.30	-do- O'seas	241	+3	3.3	1.7	68.5
19.50	-do- Smlr	139	+3	...	3.1	33.7
161.40	Law Debenture	711	+38	18.5	3.3	35.5
107.60	Majedie	205 †	+15	...	3.0	38.3
391.60	Merchants	285	+10	...	4.8	26.5
9,993.50	Merrill Lynch	3106¼	+156½	...	...	...
402.00	Monks Inv Tst	518	+11	...	1.6	65.4
34.40	Morg Gren Inc	141	+9	4.5	4.0	∞
2.49	Do Warrants	51	+4	...	...	...
17.30	Murray Euro	58	+2	0.1	0.4	...
1.14	Do Wts	19	+½	...	...	...
308.40	Murray Income	368	+16	10.9	3.7	35.1
437.50	-do- Ind	364	-7	11.6	4.0	32.8
244.00	-do- Small	435	+9	...	1.2	...
4.83	-do- S/C Inc	88	...	...	15.1	∞
4.96	-do- S/C Cap	126	+9	...	4.2	∞
1.63	-do- S/C Uts	3150	...	...	...	...
0.49	-do- S/C DP	158½	+1½	...	...	...
76.10	-do- Vent	308	+9	...	4.4	24.9
39.60	Nwdrng Inc	91	+1	6.7	9.4	16.8
127.60	O'seas Inv Tst	335	+3	...	1.2	...
92.70	Pacific Assets	468	+4	1.1	0.3	...
14.20	Do Warrants	371	+6	...	...	...
12.50	Personal Assets	8250	+25	19.0	2.9	48.7
301.30	RIT Cap Pntr	167	+4	1.1	0.9	...
24.90	River & Merc	122 †	+1½	9.2	9.4	12.2
	Robeco	413	-5	...	3.1	...
	Rolinco	418	-1	...	1.9	...
98.40	St Andrew Inv	286	+2	7.5	3.3	38.5
355.50	Scot American	159	+6	...	3.6	33.6
58.00	Scott Asian	276	+5	...	...	...
5.13	do Warrants	733	-2	...	...	...
522.70	-do- Eastern	82½	+2½	1.5	2.3	54.2
579.00	Scottish	227½	+5½	4.9	2.7	∞
809.80	-do- Mrge	224½	+4½	4.0	2.2	58.3
48.90	-do- Value	102 †	+3	1.8	2.2	∞
312.80	Second Allnce	1629	+53	...	3.0	41.0
297.90	Secs Tst of Scot	93	+2½	3.2	4.4	30.7
46.40	Selective Asset	162	+5	1.2	0.9	58.3
44.60	Sphere Inv	36½	+2½	3.1	10.5	11.9
79.30	TR Far East	170	+4	...	3.7	32.4
316.60	TR City Of Lon	159	+8	...	3.8	34.6
123.70	TR Pacific	193	+9	0.3	0.2	...
103.80	TR Property	36¼	+1½	0.9	3.1	38.3
51.50	TR Tech Inv	117	+10	1.7	1.9	43.4
345.70	TR Smlr Cos	194	+7	...	2.4	44.9
208.00	Temple Bar	363	+16	13.2	4.6	27.4
110.00	Thrgtn Aslan E	110	+1	0.5	0.6	...
227.90	Throgmorton	75	+2	2.3	3.8	30.6
17.70	Thrrg Dual Cp	505	+12	...	...	...
85.60	USDC Invest	234	+2	4.5	2.4	43.0
50.00	Value Inc Tst	118	+5	4.0	4.2	29.7
564.70	Whitbread Inv	895	+60	16.5	2.3	53.9
844.40	Witan	225	+8	5.6	3.1	39.4

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
433.80	Airtours	470	+27	7.7	2.0	16.6
30.60	Ald Leis	48	-2	...	7.5	15.6
200.20	Anglia TV	451	+3	...	2.6	20.9
15.70	Baldwin	86	...	4.6	6.7	11.7
25.20	Barr & W 'A'	254	+14	10.0	4.9	16.4
45.00	Boosey Hwks	1155	+10	22.0	2.4	17.3
14.10	Border TV♠	138	-12	...	3.0	12.4
14.20	Brent Walker	4½	+¼	...	...	...
7.42	Bristol Scots	133	+30	...	...	...
6.63	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
7.30	Campari	74	...	...	8.7	14.8
165.70	Capital Radio	234 †	+11	5.7	3.1	∞
1,659.70	Carlton Comm	834	+67	...	1.8	19.6
14.60	Castle Comm♠	234	+11	...	4.5	15.5
712.80	Central TV	2650	+482	39.0	1.8	28.9
27.30	Chrysalis	103	...	...	...	...
532.20	Compass Gp	592	+15	...	2.7	17.7
56.80	Eurocamp	216	...	9.7	5.6	8.9
702.10	Euro Disney	413	+63	...	2.8	...
3.39	Euro Leisure	2 †	-¼	...	...	...
24.70	Ex-Lands	34	+2	...	1.3	...
10.00	Fairline Boats	287	+3	10.5	4.6	...
441.50	First Leisure	271	+15	6.2	2.9	18.8
18.10	GWR Gp♠	590	+2	...	1.7	30.3
33.60	Grampian	238 †	+11½	6.5	3.4	16.5
1.12	Greenwich Comm♠	16	...	...	...	...
69.20	HTV Group	100	+5½	...	...	44.4
27.80	Hi-Tec Sports	58	-1	...	4.8	...
24.10	Kunick	10	+1½	...	...	...
605.10	LWT Hldgs	585	+51	...	1.1	27.1
	Man Utd	540	-7	...	4.5	21.8
11.30	Northern	39	+2	...	...	...
130.50	Owners Abrd	80	+1	3.9	6.1	6.4
29.80	The Pelican Gp	69	-3	...	2.0	16.2
14.60	Prism Leisure♠	170	...	...	2.4	15.8
9.12	Quadrant Grp	39	...	...	...	...
31.20	Radio Clyde♠	347	+38	...	3.1	27.2
12.50	Ramsdens (H)	208	+11	...	2.7	27.6
236.80	Scot TV	493	+44	10.3	2.6	24.3
15.60	Southern Radio	55	+5	0.7	1.8	22.9
120.40	Stanley Leisure	263	+14	4.3	2.1	20.8
7.36	Sunleigh ♠	8	...	...	...	...
7.37	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
647.30	Tanjong	349½	...	...	0.5	18.9
22.10	Ticketing♠	2½	+¼	...	...	...
16.80	Tottenhm Hot	105 †	+2	...	2.4	5.5
26.70	Trans World♠	67	+3	...	1.5	24.4
53.20	Ulster TV	507	+8	12.0	3.0	15.6
77.50	Vardon	106	+4	0.8	0.9	25.0
42.50	Wembley	16½	...	...	...	...
90.20	Yorkshire TV	179	+3	12.0	8.4	5.4
7.61	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,297.90	Am Gold	5375	-215½	...	4.0	27.3
384.20	Ang Am Coal	1525	+12½	...	5.9	8.1
5,662.20	Ang Am	2437½	+68½	...	2.7	21.5
20.20	Anglo Pac Res♠	26	-½	...	...	...
42.20	Blyvoors	176	-2	...	...	...
5.04	Bracken	36	-3	...	...	∞
82.10	Buffels	746	-23	...	8.5	6.8
4.71	Bute	2	...	...	...	...
4,515.20	CRA	761	+10	...	2.6	26.2
23.60	Cluff Res	32½	+½	...	...	...
4,990.20	De Beers	1312½	+91½	...	3.7	18.0
130.40	Deelkraal	131	+9	...	1.5	15.1
25.60	Doornfontein	64	...	...	...	...
1,615.70	Driefontein	792	+23	...	3.7	15.7
15.60	Durban	671	-14	...	...	...
62.40	E Rand Gold	136	-18	...	7.9	4.2
23.60	E Rand Prop	71	-13½	...	...	...
43.20	Eastern Trans	50	...	...	5.0	10.7
369.50	Elandsrand	381	-38	...	3.1	9.3
1,121.00	FS Cons	952	-20	...	5.0	12.5
12.00	FS Dev	54	-3	...	...	...
1,399.00	GFSA	1450	...	...	2.7	25.1
1,900.00	Gencor	109	+10	...	8.0	12.4
267.70	Gld Kalgoorli	53½	+4½	...	2.5	21.9
12.30	Greenwich R 'A'	15	-½	...	...	...
16.10	Grootvlei	141	-4	...	7.1	8.8
84.70	Harmony	315	-3	...	...	...
443.50	Hartles	396	+17	...	6.9	13.7
31.00	Inoco♠	15	...	...	...	...
517.30	Impala Plat	818	-10	...	3.4	28.2
9.01	Kenmare Res♠	9	-½	...	...	...
191.70	Kinross	1085	-17	...	5.3	∞
926.40	Kloof	654	-5	...	3.3	9.2
17.40	Leslie	109	-11	...	9.5	∞
49.40	Loraine	302	-2	...	...	...
150.50	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
1,462.60	MIM	104½	+1	...	2.1	30.8
2,811.90	Minorco	1248	-26	...	3.1	14.7
980.30	Nth Brkn Hill	154	+2½	...	3.1	25.3
576.90	Orange Free	2562½	-6½	...	5.0	20.7
7,687.40	RTZ	722½	+13½	...	4.7	20.4
93.20	Rand Mines	156½	...	...	7.0	∞
353.40	Randfontein	578	-5	...	4.9	8.6
371.80	Renison	187	+12	...	2.3	19.3
1,284.50	Rustnbrg	1025	-6½	...	3.2	∞
59.30	St Helena	616	-1	...	3.9	13.1
486.20	Southvaal	1870	-32	...	3.0	34.1
10.30	Stilfontein	79	-1	...	7.9	14.4
40.90	Unisel	148	-5	...	4.5	∞
6,983.10	Vaal Reefs	5862½	+12½	...	3.7	10.6
226.60	Welkom	641	-14	...	5.1	20.0
239.40	Western Areas	594	+3	...	0.8	19.0
738.60	Western Deep	2737½	-56½	...	2.2	13.3
2,571.60	Wstrn Mining	268	...	...	1.8	...
120.50	Winkels	989	-26	...	3.8	∞
62.50	Zambia Copper	51	-2	...	...	...
79.40	Zandpan	61	+1	...	7.2	20.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.96	Abbey Panels	248	...	...	...	...
9.82	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
74.30	Appleyard	121	+1	...	5.4	...
13.90	Bletchley Mtr	303	-2	...	3.8	15.4
28.40	Bostrom	180	...	6.0	4.2	31.8
1,546.00	Br Aerospace	409	+6½	7.3	2.2	...
58.70	Burndene	53	+1½	...	2.7	14.1
11.50	Caffyns	348	...	11.5	4.1	70.4
23.10	Caverdale	19½	...	...	...	...
16.70	Central Mtr♠	125	-4	...	4.0	31.8
13.20	Cook (DC)♠	31	+3	...	2.4	17.6
353.50	Cowie (T)	247	+13	6.6	3.3	18.8
24.50	Dag Motors	136	-1	5.7	5.3	24.6
28.40	Davnprt Vern	145	+1	...	3.5	18.3
31.70	ERF	325	...	2.0	0.8	...
51.00	European Mtr	138 †	-½	...	3.4	19.1
87.00	Evans Halshaw	403	...	11.4	3.6	62.1
177.90	FR Group	236	+20	...	3.8	11.0
20,632.20	Ford Motor	4193½	+93½	...	...	...
25,446.00	General Mtr	3600	-6½	...	1.5	...
5.08	Gowrings	56	...	2.0	4.5	...
101.70	Henlys	255	+9	3.5	1.7	...
8,393.40	Honda Motor	862	+32	...	1.0	...
3.79	Jacks (Wm)	35	...	...	...	...
8.03	Jessups	91 †	-3½	4.5	6.2	...
270.00	Kwik-Fit	157	-2	...	2.8	22.2
407.30	Lex Service	430½	+15½	...	3.3	23.5
28.50	Lookers	149	...	6.2	5.2	...
1,315.80	Lucas	178	...	...	4.9	...
22.60	Malaya Grp	29½	...	...	...	...
96.40	Pendragon	250	...	...	3.2	20.5
39.40	Perry Gp	157	-3	...	5.7	...
37.80	Quicks Group	165	+1	...	3.6	21.1
2,116.70	Rolls-Royce	173½	+4½	...	3.6	...
935.90	T & N	186½	-4½	...	7.3	26.6
124.90	Trinity Hldgs	243	+5	...	2.9	22.5
73.90	Vardy (Reg)	166	...	...	3.2	23.2
234.50	Westland	245	+19	4.2	2.2	21.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
29.30	Adscene	198	+8	5.0	3.2	20.3
5.16	Black (A&C)	335	-3	13.5	5.0	13.7
302.70	Blenheim Gp	328	+28	...	3.6	12.2
59.50	Bristol	365	+10	...	4.2	32.6
522.50	Daily Mail	£105½	+900	13.4	1.6	23.8
527.50	Daily Mail 'A'	£105½	+975	13.4	1.6	23.8
196.20	Dorling Kind	318	-6	...	1.3	28.8
3,693.20	Elsevier	5665½	+328½	...	1.7	19.2
692.30	EMAP	399 †	+42½	...	2.5	24.6
308.10	Euromoney Pb	1500	+87	38.0	3.2	∞
18.00	Harrington K	189	+6	4.7	3.1	15.4
65.80	Haynes Pub	317‡	+12	...	2.1	17.9
120.50	Hodder H'line	345	+11	5.1	1.9	29.3
11.10	Home Counts	111	+1	5.2	3.9	...
59.20	Ind Bus Comm	152	+7	...	...	22.0
7.58	Int Cm & Data♠	11	...	...	...	...
309.80	Independent	395	-13	...	3.2	21.3
166.00	Johnston Press	539	+20	6.5	1.5	23.3
32.50	Metal Bulletn	333	+3	8.2	3.1	23.5
697.30	Mirror Gp	164	+13	...	...	...
6,386.90	News Corp	442	-3	...	0.3	...
1,823.20	News Intl	264	+2	...	0.6	16.2
3,223.00	Pearson	586	+21	...	2.6	31.8
76.80	Portsmth Sund	640 †	+33	...	1.8	17.7
4,476.80	Reed Int	798	+54	...	2.7	34.8
27.30	Southnews	180 †	+11	...	1.6	33.3
68.10	Sterling Pub♠	164	+4	...	2.3	18.1
544.10	Telegraph	406	+32	...	3.7	17.1
4,641.00	Thomson Corp	815	+10	30.1	4.8	40.7
272.60	Trinity Intl	398	+22	9.0	2.8	23.9
1.44	Unit Group♠	22	...	...	...	...
1,405.40	Utd Nwspapers	579	+52	...	4.6	16.1

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66.00	Aran Energy	29½	-2	...	...	22.0
20.90	Arcon Intl♠	36	+1	...	...	...
	Atlt Oil & Gas	63	+7	...	...	...
19.20	Aviva Pet	61	-6	...	...	...
1.91	Beverley	5½	...	...	...	54.7
89.80	Br Borneo	199	-16	7.1	4.5	8.0
15,032.80	British Gas	347½	+21½	14.2	5.1	16.8
18,094.00	Br Petroleum	332	-½	8.4	3.2	26.1
8.53	Buls Resource	1½	...	...	...	...
1,521.00	Burmah Castrl	790	+45	...	5.3	18.2
39.50	Cairn Energy	61	...	...	...	8.7
525.40	Calor Gp	312	+5	...	4.8	17.0
171.70	Clyde Pet	43	-1½	...	...	...
38.50	Copiax Res	38	-1	...	...	...
2.84	Edin Oil & Gs♠	17	...	...	...	...
2,199.20	Enterprise	447	+10	19.0	5.3	24.6
36.00	Exp Co Louis	34	...	...	...	...
35.00	Fairhaven Intl	22½	-½	...	4.8	8.1
45.00	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
74.40	Goal Pet	57r	-5	1.4	3.2	10.6
34.40	Gt Western Res	38	-2	...	...	...
164.80	Hardy O & G	140	-11	...	0.9	13.6
61.60	Kelt Energy	40	...	...	...	...
855.60	LASMO	114	-3	...	1.6	23.1
5.17	-do- Units	73	-1	9.4	16.2	...
8.31	Mid Scot Res♠	4	-½	...	...	...
365.40	Monument	55	-½	...	...	...
5.72	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
15.10	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
122.40	Oil Search	40	+5	...	...	...
	Petrox	17	...	...	...	...
81.00	Plex Pet	157	-3	...	...	...
129.70	Premier	23½	-2	...	...	8.8
40.10	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
340.50	Ranger	355	+5	...	4.6	...
37,324.20	Royal Dtch Fl	6962½	-100	...	4.4	17.3
9,293.30	Schlumberger	3837½	-87½	...	2.1	...
39.10	Seafield	59	-1	...	...	...
23,254.70	Shell	701½	+23½	22.8	4.1	21.6
5.42	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
13.20	Triton Europe	16	...	...	...	...
14.10	Villiers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
1,230.00	Woodside	184½	-3½	...	1.9	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25.90	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
74.60	API	350	...	8.2	2.9	30.5
2,008.10	Arjo Wiggins	247	+8	...	3.3	39.9
80.40	Abbott Mead	536	+1	9.5	2.2	28.1
149.10	Aegis Gp	18½	+½	...	...	...
16.80	Aspen Comm♠	130	+1	...	4.7	11.8
1.47	BBB Design♠	18	...	...	...	...
97.00	Bemrose	385	+16	...	3.8	16.8
8.66	Birkdale	8½	+1	...	...	...
576.00	Bunzl	136	+3	4.0	3.7	28.5
40.70	CIA Gp	348	-1	...	1.6	22.0
34.80	Capital Inds	130	+16	...	3.5	12.4
6.87	City of Lon♠	89	...	...	5.5	16.2
24.50	Cropper (James)	304 †	+6	3.2	1.3	29.4
3.66	Crown Comm♠	6#	...	...	...	...
7.37	Delyn Group	87	...	1.6	2.4	11.3
23.80	Dolphin Pack	101	-4	4.5	5.6	24.9
9.00	Dudley Jenkins♠	78	...	...	5.0	17.7
29.50	Elswick	14½	+1½	...	2.6	16.2
22.30	Fairway Group♠	72	...	3.2	5.6	21.2
114.80	Ferguson Intl	349	+9	...	4.5	15.8
17.30	Ferry Pick	128	+18	...	5.5	34.5
37.40	Filofax♠	167	+3	...	1.1	21.5
3.91	Fitch	11	...	...	...	...
13.50	Gibbon Lyons♠	150	+21	...	4.4	16.7
54.70	Gold Greenless	208	+1	8.3	5.0	14.8
3.59	Goodhead	24	+1	0.0	0.3	∞
20.80	Hunterprint	36	-1	...	...	...
8.88	Interurope	162	...	...	6.0	11.9
86.50	Jarvis Porter	272 †	-1½	...	2.2	25.4
13.30	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
11.80	MMT	33½	-1	...	...	...
106.90	More O'Ferrall	331	-1	13.2	5.0	39.6
46.20	NMC Group	116 †	+3	2.7	3.0	17.9
14.00	Osborne & Little	231	+8	...	2.8	25.1
327.40	Portals	506	+11	...	3.6	17.5
6.51	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
59.30	Quarto	281	...	...	2.6	17.3
318.50	St Ives Gp	322	+27	...	2.1	21.3
396.20	Saatchi	180	+2	...	...	...
504.50	Sappi	336	-6	...	9.8	6.4
3.71	Serif♠	15	+½	...	...	...
20.60	Shandwick	25	-1	...	...	...
547.30	Smith David	354	+22	...	3.5	18.6
1,313.30	Smurfit (Jeff)	269	+14	...	1.6	6.5
1.72	Sonic	86	+1	2.5	3.7	34.8
44.50	Star-Plus	207	...	8.4	5.1	18.5
37.40	Taylor Nelson	29¼	+½	0.3	1.6	22.0
7.68	VTR♠	98 †	+½	...	4.3	14.7
478.90	WPP	92	+3	...	1.4	3.5
130.70	Wace	175	+5	...	0.7	...
187.30	Waddington (J)	230 †	+1	...	4.3	17.5
250.80	Watmough	376	-8	...	2.0	28.5
4.65	Westport♠	4	-½	...	...	...
1.22	Whitney Mck♠	17	-2	...	...	...
15.30	Wood (SW)	93	+3	...	2.0	19.8

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
76.60	Allied Lon	110	+1	...	4.0	28.5
25.80	Arcadian	37 †	+2	...	...	...
19.40	Ascot Hldgs	5½	...	...	...	...
102.70	Asda	130	+4	...	2.1	13.7
58.20	Avonside	134	+8	4.1	3.8	18.7
7,121.30	BCE♠	2325	+12½	...	...	...
281.00	Bilton	640	-4	18.9	3.7	23.1
8.34	Bourne End	97#	...	...	1.7	...
338.30	Bradford	234	+6	5.9	3.2	23.7
4.96	Bredero	13½	-½	...	...	...
1,311.10	Br Land	436	+14	...	2.0	39.7
580.70	Brixton	242	+6	...	4.3	19.2
145.50	Burford	89	+4	...	1.8	...
55.30	Cap & Regnl♠	185	+3	...	0.9	...
6.12	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
110.50	Chesterfield	591 †	+9	11.5	2.4	42.3
5.09	City Site Ests	33	+5	...	...	...
6.39	Clarke Nickolls	31	+2	...	...	...
6.24	Compco	300	...	12.9	5.6	65.2
26.90	Conrad Rhist GS	45	...	...	...	...
231.90	Daejan	1423	+33	...	2.4	17.6
1.40	Dares Estates	¼	-¼	...	...	...
54.20	Debenham Twsn	124	+5	...	3.0	34.2
3.78	De Morgan	8	+1	...	...	...
31.00	Dencora	174	-3	3.0	2.2	...
77.30	Derwent Hldgs	664	+51	8.7	1.6	...
39.20	Development Sec	33½	...	...	...	...
7.31	Dwyer	57	...	...	...	...
23.70	Estates Agency	395	+23	...	2.4	46.9
4.06	Estates Gen	19	+½	...	...	...
141.90	Evans Of Leeds	214	+5	...	2.7	18.9
31.20	Five Oaks	32	+½	...	...	...
5.37	Fletcher King	64	...	1.0	2.0	42.4
249.00	Frogmore	495	+23	...	4.0	23.9
46.20	Grainger	232	+31	5.2	2.8	51.9
671.20	Gr Portland	220	+6	...	4.5	21.1
29.80	Greycoat	34	+4	...	...	...
4,674.80	HK Land	174	+4	...	3.6	22.9
197.40	Hambro Cntyw	60	+½	0.5	1.0	...
226.10	Hammerson	425	+17	10.0	2.9	43.0
765.40	-do- 'A'	398	+23	10.0	3.1	40.3
47.80	Helical Bar	294	+6	...	2.1	10.6
32.20	Hemingway	33	...	...	...	...
9.60	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
2.76	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
3,830.40	Land Sec	757 †	+34½	23.1	3.8	22.6
274.80	Lon Merch Sec	113	+4	4.0	4.4	17.6
5.00	Lon & Metro	11	...	...	...	...
2,030.20	MEPC	523	-4	...	4.9	35.8
3.91	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
42.20	McKay Secs	155	+5	3.5	2.8	21.3
3.97	Markheath	3½	...	...	...	...
10.90	Merivale Mre	79	+7	...	...	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5#	...	...	...	...
15.00	Moorfield Es	46	...	...	...	...
58.80	Mountview	1200	...	22.0	2.3	12.0
168.80	Macklow (A&J)	173	+2	...	4.4	26.9
7.35	Olives Prop	41	+4	...	...	...
1.59	Omoy Est	1¼	-¼	...	...	0.5
202.90	PSIT	167	+4	4.1	3.1	33.1
274.50	Peel	344	+10	4.0	1.5	...
5.81	Power Corp	5	...	...	...	...
7.40	Property Trust	39	+1	...	...	11.1
32.90	Raglan	35 †	+1	...	...	...
28.90	Regalian	25½	+1½	...	...	...
16.90	Rowlinson Secs	135	+5	1.5	1.4	36.2
54.90	St Modwen Prp	47	+1	0.9	2.4	35.8
28.90	Savills	78	+2	...	1.6	30.9
117.80	Scot Met	91 †	+1	...	2.1	∞
56.90	Shaftesbury	117	+1	...	...	...
1.06	Shield	11	...	...	...	5.8
1,053.80	Slough Estates	274	+15	...	3.7	19.2
86.60	Southend Prop	92	+8	...	3.3	...
42.30	Stanhope Prps♠	29½	-½	...	...	...
103.80	Tops Ests	225	...	2.1	1.2	80.0
134.70	Town Centre	133	-1	...	3.2	23.8
64.50	Trafford Park	95	+1	...	3.7	21.9
1.39	UK Land	32	+1	...	...	...
18.40	Union Square	9½	+1½	...	...	...
146.30	Warner	301	+18	10.4	4.3	27.5
83.30	Warnford	217	+7	7.5	4.4	15.7
2.51	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
142.00	Wates	92	+4	...	...	...
5.42	Wood John D♠	66	+1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.60	Automagic♠	28	+2	...	...	...
62.00	Headlam	182	+7	...	2.1	41.1
19.30	Lambert	320	...	13.2	5.2	7.8
11.10	Pittards	51	+1	1.5	3.7	14.6
35.80	Strong & Fisher	21	-1	1.0	6.0	5.8
41.50	Stylo	217	...	...	1.7	...
22.70	UK Safety	59	...	...	5.5	1.9

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
142.60	Allied Text	495	+7	12.7	3.2	15.9
6.84	Beckman (A)	56	...	3.5	8.0	∞
2.45	Bolton Gp	26	+5	...	...	...
22.70	Br Mohair	171	...	8.5	6.2	16.0
2.49	Chartwell♠	40	...	...	...	...
139.70	Claremont Gs	344	+19	7.5	2.7	21.5
551.50	Courtauld Text	546	-3	13.9	3.2	14.9
4.66	Cupid♠	26	-1	...	...	...
206.20	Dawson	132	-51	...	7.3	9.9
6.50	Drummond	40	...	...	...	...
9.58	Faupel♠	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
2.29	Foster (John)	20	+1	...	...	...
5.58	Gaskell	115	...	4.2	4.6	...
32.00	Hicking Pntcst	194	-21	...	2.6	15.0
5.13	Jerome (S)	68	...	...	0.4	...
118.20	Lamont	394	+6	12.0	3.8	26.1
96.10	Leeds	506	+12	8.5	2.1	∞
9.39	Lister	57	-1	0.1	0.2	...
6.39	Lyles (S)	88	...	...	4.7	...
54.00	Magellan	212	-1	1.4	0.8	...
14.70	Parkland	198‡	-5	...	1.1	...
188.20	Readicut	97 †	+2	...	4.4	18.3
2.13	SEET	53	...	...	...	...
69.50	Sirdar	130	...	...	5.1	9.0
61.60	Stirling Gp	71	...	1.8	3.3	17.4
26.00	Stoddard	37 †	-1½	...	5.1	34.4
17.30	Tomkinsons	278 †	+3	11.5	5.2	∞
9.27	West Trust	37#	...	...	9.2	∞
24.00	Yorklyde	240	+10	...	2.8	15.7

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16,097.20	BAT	522	+8	...	4.6	15.6

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
971.80	Assoc Br Ports	518	+28	...	2.1	...
4,890.90	BAA	959 †	+37	...	2.2	23.8
4,093.60	Br Airways	430 †	+11	...	3.1	19.3
23.10	Clarkson (H)	101	...	1.7	2.2	...
26.30	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
1,239.00	Eurotunnel Uts	403	+3	...	...	...
19.20	Fisher (James)	78	...	0.5	0.8	20.9
32.60	IoM Steam	217½	+9½	...	4.8	11.4
7.83	Jacobs (JI)	34	+1	0.5	1.8	...
15.60	Lon O'Seas Frts	103	...	...	1.3	18.9
383.60	Mersey Docks	430	+12	...	2.6	29.3
102.00	Nat Express	255	-2	...	3.5	26.4
1,398.90	NFC	252½	+9½	6.5	3.2	19.2
490.00	Ocean Group	318	-14	...	5.6	...
27.80	Ocean Wilson	70	-1	4.0	7.1	12.7
3,611.90	P & O Dfd	605	+24	...	6.3	32.8
128.30	P & O 5 1/2%	188	...	...	3.7	...
413.90	Powell Duffryn	628 †	+19½	...	4.5	24.3
20.50	Seatrm♠	211	+1	...	3.2	13.3
179.20	Stagecoach	148	+4	...	3.2	∞
415.40	TNT	73½	+2	...	...	...
318.90	Tibbet & Britn	728	...	12.6	2.2	27.9
63.10	Tiphook	57	-6	...	...	...
402.50	TDG	274	+2	...	4.3	9.1

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,622.10	Anglian Water	548 †	+7½	...	4.9	10.9
59.30	Mid Kent Hldgs	347	...	...	3.9	12.6
497.10	Northumbrian	690	+10	...	4.2	8.1
2,040.30	North West	547	+16	...	4.9	9.8
2,075.00	Severn Trent	578	+28	...	4.7	8.8
1,015.70	Sthrn Water	606	+14	...	4.4	10.1
84.80	Sth Staffs	1515 †	+1½	48.5	4.0	10.8
751.80	South West	600 †	+23½	...	5.1	9.8
2,144.20	Thames Water	547	+18	...	4.9	10.7
952.40	Welsh Water	660	+16	...	4.5	6.7
843.80	Wessex Water	674	+27	...	4.0	10.1
1,150.30	Yorkshire W	576	+16	...	4.8	9.4

Source: Finstat

♠ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
2,100	Treas 8½% 1994	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.46	5.21
550	Treas 14½% 1994	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	14.19	5.06
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.08	5.04
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	102[illegible] †	-[illegible]	9.76	5.04
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.89	4.99
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	103[illegible]	...	8.69	4.97
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.16	4.96
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.08	4.87
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.50	5.14
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.20	5.12
770	Treas 14% 1996	117[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.93	5.23
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.47	5.25
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	118	+[illegible]	11.23	5.27
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.91	5.40
1,250	Treas 13¼% 1997	121[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.89	5.57
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	114[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.20	5.56
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.93	5.63
830	Exch 15% 1997	131[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.42	5.83
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	114[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.55	5.82
6,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	105[illegible]	+1	6.87	5.75
1,600	Treas 7¼% B 1998	105[illegible]	+1[illegible]	6.87	5.76
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	102[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.61	5.14
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	130[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.74	6.11

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
935	Treas 15½% 1998	139[illegible]	+1	11.14	5.99
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	124[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.62	6.11
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	114[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.27	6.06
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	126[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.65	6.20
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	119[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.75	6.12
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	119[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.55	6.20
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	114[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.88	6.20
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	134[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.66	6.46
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	120	+1[illegible]	8.33	6.46
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	120[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.08	6.57
7,600	Treas 8% 2003	110[illegible] †	+1[illegible]	7.23	6.59
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	124[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.06	6.57
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	127[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.04	6.71
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	82[illegible]	+1[illegible]	4.23	5.66
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	122[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.78	6.80
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	122[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.70	6.64
2,300	Treas 12½% 2003-05	140[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.90	6.83
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	109[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.33	6.46
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	133[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.83	6.80
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	115[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.37	6.74
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	148[illegible]	+2[illegible]	9.10	6.85

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	120[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.46	6.75
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	111[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.16	6.77
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	122[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.35	6.79
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	123[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.31	6.79
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	90[illegible]	+2[illegible]	6.09	6.38
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	110[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.01	6.71
4,350	Treas 8% 2013	113[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.06	6.78
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	153[illegible] †	+3[illegible]	7.79	6.95
6,950	Treas 8¾% 2017	123[illegible]	+3[illegible]	7.10	6.76

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	51[illegible] †	+2[illegible]	6.80	...
475	Treas 2½%	35[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.02	...

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	136[illegible]	...	...	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	203[illegible]	+[illegible]	1.03	1.94
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113	+[illegible]	1.34	1.90
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	173[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.37	2.74
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	169[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.58	2.87
600	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.65	2.94
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	180[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.66	2.89
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	164[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.82	3.02
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2011	170[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.88	3.06
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2013	141[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.91	3.07
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	152[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.95	3.11
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	147[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.01	3.14
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2024	124	+1[illegible]	3.00	3.12

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

City waits on Granada's takeover plans and results

GRANADA Group, the television and leisure group, reports full-year results on Wednesday but City attention will no doubt focus on the group's television expansion plans, widely thought to include a bid for LWT (Holdings), after the recent relaxation of the ITV network ownership rules.

Many City followers expect some move from Gerry Robinson, chief executive, towards LWT, while Granada is also known to have looked at another franchise-holder, Yorkshire Tyne-Tees. Expectations have heightened in the wake of last week's £758 millionCarlton/Central TV agreed takeover.

Granada, which holds the television franchise for the North West of England and is one of the leading players in the television bid wars, already has 20 per cent of LWT. However, there has been some speculation that LWT is considering protecting itself by making its own bid for another ITV company.

Granada's full-year results are expected to show the first contributions from the Sutcliffe catering businesses it bought for £360 million. Hoare Govett has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £168 million (£130.2 million). Market forecasts range from £159 million to £173 million. The total dividend is predicted to rise to between 8.4p and 8.75p, against 7.7p last time.



Gerry Robinson, Granada's chief executive, eyeing up the competition

TODAY

Westland Group, the helicopter group with an order book estimated at £1.5 billion, is expected to report final pre-tax profits of £31 million (£24.9 million), according to Smith New Court. Forecasts range from £26 million to £31 million.

Full-year pre-tax profits from **Airtours** are expected to take-off to between £40 million and £52 million, compared with 36.5 million last time. A £9 million exceptional charge is built into forecasts.

Scottish & Newcastle is expected to turn in a relatively flat set of first-half profits, although September's acquisition of the Chef & Brewer pubs and restaurant chain should eventually transform the group's fortunes.

Interim pre-tax profits are expected to dip to £106 million from £107 million last time, according to NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £105 million to £110 million.

Trading from the group's beer and pub retailing divisions will be flat, with further margin pressure evident on the beer side and intense competition in the take-home market not helping matters.

Trading at the Center Parcs holiday centres should have been robust, although there is some concern as the group is susceptible to the continental European recession.

Interims: Acal, Avesco, DC Cook Holdings, Crown Eyeglass, CRT Group, De Morgan Group, East Surrey Holdings, Hadleigh Industries, IWP International, King & Shaxson, Leigh Interests, Marling Industries, Northern Ireland Electricity, Oriflame International, Scottish & Newcastle, Smith St Aubyn, Upton & Southern, Vega Group, Whitecroft.
Finals: Airtours, API Group, Dobson Park Industries, Electronic Data Processing, Faber Prest, Westland Group. **Economic statistics:** Credit business (October).

TOMORROW

Siebe is forecast to report interim pre-tax profit of £89.3 million (£80.3 million), according to the team at Smith New Court. Market forecasts range from £89 million to £97 million. Smith predicts a dividend of 3.46p (3.33p).
Interims: Allied Colloids, Atkins Group, Border TV, BSS Group, Charter, Chubb Security, Creighton's Naturally, Drummond Group, Evans of Leeds, Joseph Hoyle & Son, Lister & Co, M&G Second Dual Trust, Midlands Electricity, Morris Ashby, Northern Investors Co, Northumbrian Fine Foods, Oceonics Group, Martin Shelton, Siebe, Sims Food Group, Smith New Court, South Wales Electricity, Stagecoach Holdings, Taunton Cider, John Tams Group, Templeton Emerging Markets, Wellman.
Finals: AG Holdings, Apollo Metals, Archimedes Inv Trust (2ID), Associated British Engineering, Creston, Eldridge Pope & Co, Eurocopy, Fleming Mercantile Inv Trust (Q3), Holmes & Marchant, National Home Loans, Sturge Holdings, Tunstall Group.
Economic statistics: Cyclical indicators (October).

WEDNESDAY

NFC, the transport group, is expected to report restructuring charges of between £25 million and £50 million when it unveils full-year results.

NatWest Securities is looking for pre-tax profits before exceptional charges of £149 million (£89.9 million). But the re-organisation charges will reduce that figure dramatically, with market forecasts ranging from £85 million to £95 million.
Interims: Airsprung Furniture, Asprey, BTP, Caffyns, Courts, Deelkraal Gold Mining, Doornfontein Gold Mining, Driefontein Consolidated, East Midlands Electricity, Feedback, In Shops, Jos Holdings (Q1), Kloof Gold Mining, Mansfield Brewery, Rolfe & Nolan, Sterling Publishing, TGI.
Finals: Alders, Avon Rubber, Blick, Brazilian Inv Trust, Countryside Properties, Gold Fields Coal (D), Granada Group, Greenalls Group, McCarthy & Stone, New Zealand Inv Trust, NFC, Prospect Industries, River Plate & General Inv, Sage Group, Shaftesbury, United Drug.

THURSDAY

North West Water will be looking to reassure shareholders after the sudden departure of Bob Thian, chief executive. UBS has pencilled in interim pre-tax profits of £138 million (£130.7 million). Market forecasts range from £135 million to £140 million. A dividend of 7.7p (7.1p) is predicted.

Great Universal Stores, the mail order to retailing group, is forecast to report interim pre-tax profits ahead to £205 million (£195 million), according to NatWest Securities.

London International Group, the Durex condoms to photo-processing group that gave a profit warning earlier this year, is expected to report a drop in interim pre-tax profits to between £3 million and £8 million (£16.5 million). The group is likely to have suffered particularly badly from its photoprocessing division. The interim dividend is expected to be cut to between 1.7p and 2.2p (3.2p last time). UBS is looking for interim pre-tax profits at **Pilkington** to recover to £21 million (£15.1 million), but the dividend is expected to be cut to 1.5p (2.93p).
Interims: Bibby, Break for the Border, Enterprise Computers, Equity Consort Investment Trust, Eve Group, Fine Art Developments, Great Universal Stores, Hartstone Group, Hicking Pentecost, Lazard High Income Trust (D), London International Group, Lyons Irish Holdings, Moorgate Investment Trust, Moorgate Smaller Co, North West Water, Pilkington (D), Christian Salvesen, Scantronic Holdings, Scottish Hydro-Electric, Seeboard, TR Technology.
Finals: Compass Group, Drayton Recovery Trust, Gold Fields Coal, Grainger Trust, Johnson & Firth Brown, Kleeneze Holdings, Murray Enterprise, Premier Land, Titon Holdings, Turkey Trust, Western Selection.

FRIDAY

Interims: Abtrust New Dawn Inv Trust, Albrighton, Andrews Sykes, attwoods (Q), Booth Industries, Brown & Tawse, Fuller Smith & Turner, Norweb, Quilligotti, Syltone, Welsh Water.
Finals: Carr's Milling Industries, Reed Executive (Q3), Villers Group, Wolverhampton & Dudley.
Economic statistics: Balance of visible trade (September).

PHILIP PANGALOS

Sony may sell 25% of US operation

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

SONY Corporation, the Japanese electronics company which bought heavily into Hollywood in 1989, is considering selling large stakes in its film and music business to raise up to $4 billion after second quarter operating profits fell by almost 60 per cent.

Analysts say Sony needs the money at a critical stage of its strategy. Its 72-year-old co-founder and visionary leader, Akio Morita, is recovering from a stroke. It is fighting a key contract case in the High Court in London with the pop singer George Michael, while another of its most important artists, Michael Jackson, is accused of child molestation.

Sony's US summer movie blockbuster starring Arnold Schwarzenegger flopped, and the 1980s concept of integrating the software movie and music business with the hardware CD and video operations is far from proved.

Plunging profits have caused problems for Sony and other Japanese companies wanting to raise fresh money in the equity and debt markets. But the group is exploring options that include the sale of up to 25 per cent of Sony's US entertainment operations. This could be through an American flotation of part of the US businesses, or a public offering of the parent company's shares in the US.

The Paramount Communications bid battle has focused attention on the value of entertainment and media businesses. Based on the $10.6 billion price tag placed on Paramount, Michael Schulhof, head of Sony's US operations, says its film business could be worth between $6 and $8 billion and the music business might now be worth $6 billion.

Despite the poor summer showing, Sony's studios are expected to have the year's biggest share of the movie market. They are leading at the moment with a 19.4 per cent share and a box office gross of $835 million. Sony says the film units have contributed significantly to operating profits.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Swissair looks at new link with airline allies

SWISSAIR is considering a further alliance with Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) and Austrian Airlines, two of the three carriers it was to have joined forces with in the Alcazar project that failed last month. Otto Löpfe, the Swissair chief executive, has told his house newspaper that the limited three airline tie-up was still one of the "possible options" now under consideration.

Swissair and SAS would have each accounted for 30 per cent, and Austrian 10 per cent, of the joint Alcazar company, with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, providing the remainder. Alcazar collapsed when the airlines were unable to agree whether Delta, Swissair's partner, or Northwest, part-owned by KLM, was to be the group's American ally. SAS and Austrian are understood to have favoured Delta.

Italian bank sale opens

THE privatisation of Credito Italiano, Italy's sixth largest bank, opens today with shares priced at 2,075 lire (80p) each, a discount of L234 to the closing price on Friday. The offer, the first of a series of major disposals planned, has had to be sweetly priced to attract investors during a deep recession into a bank heavily exposed to Italy's corporate troubles, including Ferruzzi. The agri-chemicals group's shareholders and creditors last week approved a huge restructuring. At least 40 per cent of the 840 million Credito shares on sale are earmarked for private investors.

CBI to help small firms

ENHANCED management of smaller firms is the main goal of a drive launched by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) following the Budget measures to help finance them. Philip Clarke, managing director of Lamason Industries, a Midlands producer of precision pressings, is to chair a 14-strong working group under the CBI's smaller firms council. Howard Davies, the CBI Director-General, said it would seek to improve the management skills of growth businesses. "Some firms grow and some don't. We need to know how to increase the number of those that do," he said.

De Beers results early

DE BEERS is to break with traditional practice by publishing 1993 Central Selling Organisation diamond sales figures before Christmas, probably on December 20, rather than in the New Year. The company says the change should stop the traditional speculation in Johannesburg and London. Analysts, who keenly await the figures, expect 1993 rough diamond sales may reach $4.2 billion, compared with $3.42 billion reported in 1992.

☐ Kensington Resources, the Canadian mine group, is raising C$3 million (£1.5 million) to expand its search for diamonds.

Volkswagen warning

FERDINAND Piëch, Volkswagen's management board chairman, warned workers at VW's German plants that they would have to continue on short time even after the recently concluded deal for a four-day week and pay cuts expired in two years. Herr Piëch, whose assault on costs has shocked Germany's corporate establishment and embroiled VW in a messy affair over alleged industrial espionage, said the company had 30 per cent too many employees. Restructuring had lowered VW's breakeven point to 80 per cent capacity utilisation but he aimed for 65 per cent.

Disney finds plain speaking in Virginia

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK


Eisner: new battle

THE north Virginia folk held their first meeting just two weeks ago. The Goose Creek landowners association expected 100, but 450 crammed into the church hall of The Plains to voice concerns that Michael Eisner, chairman, and his board at Walt Disney had selected their area for a billion-dollar theme park.

Disney revealed its plans three weeks ago for the park to celebrate US history and a shopping mall on 3,000 acres at Haymarket, Prince William County, 30 miles from Washington DC, but near Manassas, where 34,000 Confederates routed 30,000 Unionists in the first Battle of Bull Run on July 21, 1861. The battle shook the Yankees who had thought they could easily defeat the South.

The plans came as a shock to the locals. They had read about the disaster of EuroDisneyland in France and about concessions it demanded of local authorities for setting up shop in their town.

But then the cavalry arrived: Christopher Needels, 51, a retired Army Special Forces Colonel with two combat tours in Vietnam and a spell at the National Security Council walked into the offices of The Piedmont Environmental Council — an organisation set up 20 years ago to preserve the character of country towns. It aims to get the park moved closer to the capital. Col Needels, a resident of Prince William County, said: "We welcome Disney to Northern Virginia, we just think it should be nearer Washington. Disney is asking for a subsidy from the Virginia taxpayer and wants a $500,000 cut in zoning fees from the county." If it proceeds, local councils may need to spend up to $2 billion on roads, sewers and water services that Disney says would be recouped in taxes on the park.

Col Needels said: "We should not have to wait decades to see whether the tax revenues cover our investment. Its theme park near Paris forecast economic and job gains that were greatly overstated."

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

YELLOW JACK
(b) Yellow fever, first recorded off the African coast in Drake's time, and confused by the medical profession with malaria and typhoid. Two of these confused medicos killed each other in a duel over their conflicting theories, both of which were wrong. The guilty party, a mosquito, Aedes aegypti, was finally pinpointed by the US Army's Fever Commission in 1900.

HERMIONE PIGOT
(c) A frigate captain. Captain Hugh Pigot, son of Admiral Hugh Pigot, commanded HM Frigate Hermione in the West Indies, and was already known as a flogging captain, unbalanced if not insane. He was murdered on the night of 21 September 1797 in a spontaneous uprising by his despairing crew.

OLD KASPAR
(b) A German peasant. Southey's *The Battle of Blenheim*: "It was a summer evening,/ Old Kaspar's work was done, /And he before his cottage door/ Was sitting in the sun." It contains the odd but famous lines in reply to the question what good came of it at last. "Quoth little Peterkin,/ 'Why I cannot tell,' said he,/ 'But 'twas a famous victory.' " The right name for Blenheim was Blindheim. Trust the English soldier to get a name wrong, cf. Henry V, who misheard Azzincourt and settled for Agincourt.

ZUBIAN
(a) During the second world war, two Tribal Class destroyers were severely damaged, one losing its bow and the other its stern section. The ships' names were Zulu and Nubian. The single ship formed from the parts of both was named Zubian.

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Receivers race against time to salvage wreck of Ferranti

The failed defence firm's key teams of scientists will disperse if buyers are not found quickly, say Susan Gilchrist and Ross Tieman



John Talbot, left, and Murdoch McKillop lost no time putting squads of accountants and lawyers into Ferranti

The storm-troopers of the corporate rescue business have had a busy weekend of damage limitation. Today, they will launch an assault on the purchasing managers whose bargaining skills caused Ferranti to underprice its work and slump into loss and, ultimately, receivership.

Expect a bruising battle, but expect the receivers to win. They will not lose their reputations if they save only part of the Ferranti empire. But some customers are likely to face considerable disruption if they refuse to heed the receivers' demands to pay more for contracts they have placed with the electronics group.

This, the most crucial element in an action plan drawn up over the weekend to stanch losses approaching £1.5 million a week, will set the tone for the Ferranti rescue effort. Jobs will be lost. But if the businesses can be spared, the skills and assets that carry the Ferranti badge will be retained and most of the workforce will escape the dole queue.

It began, as these things do, with a telephone call. Ferranti's directors had given warning that a takeover offer from GEC was the only hope of saving the business and the jobs of its 3,600 employees. When GEC withdrew its offer last Wednesday, the receivers were one of the first parties to know.

John Talbot and Murdoch McKillop, corporate recovery partners at Arthur Andersen, were fresh from their successful rescue of Leyland-DAF, the biggest manufacturing receivership since Rolls-Royce 20 years ago. Moving fast, they despatched teams of accountants to Ferranti's Wythenshawe head office, in Manchester, and satellite plants around Britain. Their task: to seize the financial strings and make a fast assessment of the company's financial position.

Dozens of accountants were soon joined by groups of lawyers under the direction of Peter Totty, from Allen & Overy. Working through the weekend, they have reviewed all key contracts in a search for ways to enhance revenues and limit cash outflows. The survival of Ferranti's business will depend on the skill they show over the next fortnight in exploiting what they have learned.

Ferranti is no stranger to financial disaster. The company first went into liquidation in 1903, after an ill-judged move into steam alternators. But it was refloated two years later and over the subsequent decades grew to become a leading player in the global defence business and one of the most illustrious names in British industry.

In its heyday in the late 1980s, Ferranti enjoyed a market value of £1 billion, 26,000 employees and an order book worth more than £1.5 billion. But the company was suddenly brought to the brink of financial collapse by the discovery of a $1 billion corporate fraud at its International Signal & Control subsidiary in 1989. James Guerin, ISC's founder and later deputy chairman of Ferranti, is serving a 15-year jail sentence for fraud and illegal arms sales.

Eugene Anderson, the Texan company doctor who had revived the flagging fortunes of Johnson Matthey, was brought in to turn the ailing defence group round and plug the gaping hole which the ISC fraud had left in Ferranti's balance sheet.

But despite almost 20,000 job cuts and the sale of assets worth more than £550 million, Mr Anderson could not halt Ferranti's slide into receivership. Ironically, GEC, which bestrides Britain's electronic engineering and defence electronics industries like a colossus, has already cherry-picked some of the best businesses, which Ferranti had to offer for sale after discovering the fraud. GEC bought Ferranti's radar division for £310 million in 1990 and the missile business for £38 million last year.

But there are still businesses that GEC, among others, may be interested in snapping up. In its offer document published last month, GEC highlighted its prime targets as the naval and air defence systems, sonar equipment and simulation products.

The rescuers have worked through the weekend, reviewing all key contracts

Perhaps Ferranti's most successful business is its 50-50 joint venture with Thomson-CSF, which makes sonar systems. That company, which is not in receivership, supplies sonar for Britain's Trident nuclear submarine programme. Most of the operations are based at Cheadle, Greater Manchester, employing almost 300 people.

There is no doubt that the jewel in what remains of Ferranti's battered crown is the naval systems business, which develops command and control systems and weapon control systems for warships. The company is a leader in what it does, and most Royal Navy vessels are equipped with its systems. Because these systems are upgraded during the refits which vessels undergo periodically during their service lives, this should offer a useful installed base of equipment for any potential buyer to exploit. Closely linked to this is the systems integration business, which manufactures warning systems for ships, soldiers and installations, such as the Falcon Eye equipment that is part of Saudi Arabia's air defences. The two businesses are based at Ferranti's plant in Bracknell, Berkshire, which employs almost 400 people. A further 250 are employed at Portsmouth.

Ferranti's simulation business, which manufactures weapon simulators for defence training, has been streamlined aggressively but still has a strong order book. In the year to last March, the defence businesses lost a total of £1.2 million, at the operating level, on sales of £156 million. The civil systems business, which supplies the aviation industry and utilities, may interest the likes of Dowty (now part of TI Group) and Siemens. Ferranti is a key supplier of airport information systems and has been developing a high-tech luggage handling system which uses bar codes to match passengers with their baggage.

This process, which British Airways has been testing at Manchester airport, is designed to improve security and reduce the risk of terrorism. The business also provides services for the electricity, gas, water and power utilities; it supplies control equipment for nuclear power stations and systems for oil platforms.

Uneconomic contracts signed by managers of this business appear to have caused the losses which forced Ferranti into receivership, and it is at the civil systems headquarters, in Wythenshawe, that receivers are concentrating their greatest efforts. Together with the head office, the civil business employs more than 520 staff.

Although Ferranti is perceived to have some attractive businesses, analysts believe the receivers will face a struggle to secure reasonable prices. The problem of overcapacity in the defence industry worsens with every review of Britain's defence expenditure, despite strenuous efforts to win new markets overseas.

Ferranti has already tried to sell, or at least find strategic partners for, many of the businesses over the past two years, without much success. By walking away and blaming unspecified problems in the accounts, GEC must have weakened the negotiating hand of the receivers.

The directors' analysis that Ferranti had become too small to survive alone has already been confirmed by the receivers. The company needed new orders to restore financial stability. Yet without financial stability, it was unable to win such orders. That Ferranti should end thus is no surprise. The result of the vicious circle was that the company was haemorrhaging cash at a rate of almost £1.5 million a month. New, and financially stronger, owners of the business will not suffer the same problems.

But the receivers need to find new buyers quickly, to prevent the highly skilled teams of scientists, who are Ferranti's most valuable asset and the main attraction for any potential bidder, from leaving to take other jobs. Competitors must already have been inundated with CVs. The receivers must hope for a similar flood of faxes from lawyers representing clients interested in acquiring Ferranti's businesses or assets.

Memo to MPs: please go back to basics in Sunday trading reform



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

This week, after an oddly subdued public debate, MPs should decide between three options for reforming Sunday trading laws south of the border. Contrary to the general impression, all three would greatly liberalise the present 1950 law, if not practice. Broadly, the most restrictive would legalise the 1991 position, when DIY sheds were opening in defiance and small convenience stores sold more than they should; it would allow all small shops to open, and big stores during December. The second would additionally sanction the more recent flouting of the law by most big supermarkets and allow Sunday opening for all stores for a continuous six-hour period. The third, preferred by the Cabinet, would remove all restrictions, with transitional relief for practising Christians and other shop workers who do not want to spend Sunday at work.

The low-key atmosphere, partly down to the churches, is surprising. The issue has symbolic overtones about trends in the way we live and almost everyone approaches it with some prejudice. My own is against giving in to the corporate bully boys who have flouted the law, used financial muscle to dissuade local authorities from enforcing it, and now claim, in effect, that it would be an infringement of liberty or consumers' rights not to go along with them.

Dismayingly, at least eight of Britain's top hundred quoted companies have chosen to flout, challenge or at best ignore the law: a majority of those involved in retailing. They have attracted virtually no criticism from the rest of industry, apart from competitors hurt by obeying the law. A couple of the leading figures have even been knighted for their trouble. What does this tell us about the attitude of big business to other inconvenient, controversial or anomalous laws and regulations: tax laws, accounting standards, environmental and health rules? It confirms the prejudices of those who are anti-business. It undermines those of us who argue that self-regulation and the voluntary spread of good practice is better than bureaucratic laws. It tells the public that those who "play the game" are mugs if they can get away with bending the rules or hiding behind obfuscations, a culture increasingly applied even to games themselves.

Such prejudice is, however, no argument for consumers to cut off their noses to spite their faces by retaining needless restrictions. And the interest of consumers is one of the two central arguments for deregulation. We want to be able to buy what we want when we want it. Sunday shopping has become much more valuable than in 1950 because a much higher proportion of working age adults, notably women, are stuck at work during the week. Deregulating Sunday shopping would fit in with social trends as well as accelerating them.

The second incontestable argument is that deregulation should increase economic efficiency by spreading overheads over seven days — an argument applying to almost any business — and by accelerating closure of small shops artificially protected by Sunday trading retraints. That is the main object of big supermarket chains. The heady growth they have achieved by opening big new stores with ever smaller catchment areas is running out as they near saturation point. They need to gain market share in their existing stores instead. This appears to be profitless, however, while they pay staff double time on Sundays. If efficiency gains are to be realised after deregulation, that extra labour cost will inevitably have to disappear under competitive pressure.

'Do we really want to accelerate these economic and social trends?'

In short, deregulation will reinforce existing social and economic trends. But do we want to accelerate, by Act of Parliament, the decline of the small family business, the breakdown of family life, increasing crime from people frustrated by lack of money and an ever-increasing social security bill?

In Blackpool, just two months ago, the Prime Minister caught the mood of the nation by demanding a return to traditional values and a stronger role for the family, deriding scorn for the law and attacks on the Church. Behind its populism, his approach was central to the strategy of containing social security costs and cutting crime.

In that context, deregulation of Sunday trading takes on a different look — not least in its disregard for the churches. To start with, it will mean that several hundred thousand more people work on Sundays, mostly women. A much-quoted survey showed that almost half those now working in shops on Sundays have children, presumably not at school. Unregulated Sunday trading will inevitably increase strain on their families. Families working unsocial hours on weekdays are more prone to break-up and divorce. Most will doubtless cope, but legislating to put more strain on families looks perverse.

Seven day trading will not bring seven day working, so Sunday trading by big shops will also accelerate the trend towards part-time jobs — and part-time pay. About half retail jobs are already part time; deregulation is likely to bring another half million. These will not, however, bring a net increase in employment. Rather, full-time jobs paying a modest but living wage will be converted to part-time jobs. These used to be seen as a second source of income but, now that most women are in the labour force and there is no new source of cheap labour, they are increasingly the only declared earnings supporting a family. The rest is made up by social security: taxpayers subsidise retail reform, just as they increasingly subsidise other employment.

Small family business does not require such subsidy, at least not when it is up and running. In every Budget, however, more tax subsidies are brought in to halt the decline of small business and to encourage tomorrow's new firms. It makes little sense to pass a law that might easily wipe out 20,000 small firms.

Taxpayers aside, Sunday trading restraint undoubtedly carries an economic cost. Provided that is understood, however, there is a strong case to pay it. The economy does not work as well if the family is breaking down, crime is continually rising and welfare subsidies impose punitive taxation or starve public services. Back to basics.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

A change — well up to a point

ROBERT Pirie, ex-boss of NM Rothschild's American operations, is back in the bids and deals market and about to be named as a senior investment banker with the US house of Bear Stearns, one of the best payers on Wall Street. Pirie resigned from the merchant bank six months ago saying that, at 59, he was still a youngster and wanted to change careers. "The thing about being a good actor is knowing when it's time to leave the stage," he said at the time of his departure. Oddly, he is not leaving the stage at all, or seeking a new career, but picking up the old one at a company where salaries of about £9 million a year are considered pretty routine stuff. High-profile deal advisers are at a premium this year as banks gear up for an expected surge in mergers and acquisitions. Joe Perella, of the once dynamic duo Wasserstein Perella, has just joined Morgan Stanley at a pay level which he refuses to disclose. Pirie's fame was earned in the Eighties advising Lord Hanson and Sir James Goldsmith on their American deals. He was also a close associate of the late Robert Maxwell and was among the last to speak to him — attempting at the time to buy his college textbook company for one of Pirie's other clients.



"I agree with Sainsbury — Sunday work should be voluntary with double pay"

Boxing clever

THOSE of us who have ever wondered about the morals of estate agents will not be surprised to hear that one of their business cards has been found in a City telephone box alongside those offering "massage" services and other exotic delights. Could this be an attempt to whip some new life into a flagging property market? Certainly not, says Grosvenor Montague, the City firm at the centre of the episode. "Somebody must have phoned me and left it there," said a dismayed spokesman. "If it's going to attract attention, maybe I will leave a few around."

Back on track

BRIDGET Hogge, enthusiast for all things outdoors and the former financial director of Reebok UK, has returned to the Pentland fold after the sale of the latter's key stake in the phenomenally successful running shoes enterprise. Bridget is joining Pentland's offshoot, Berghaus, maker of climbing equipment and other outdoor products, as managing director. Berghaus, bought by Pentland in February, is chaired by Chris Brasher, for many years the driving force behind the London Marathon. His new managing director, an alumnus of Manchester Business School, quit Reebok UK in the summer.

Cash bar

SINCE when can't you use cash to buy gold? When you accept the kind bidding of the World Gold Council to attend their Christmas Gold Bazaar at their Haymarket office on December 14, where there will be the opportunity to "buy real gold jewellery at trade prices". On sale, and just in time for Christmas, from jewellery manufacturers and designers, will be various 9 carat and 18 carat pieces ranging from £35 ear-rings to £600 necklaces. The WGC says: "Please bring your cheque books. Sorry — no cash or credit cards can be accepted." Try that line next time you are in a Middle East souk!

Feeling blue

PROOF of how City gents are viewed by the rest of the world has surfaced in a West End art gallery in an exhibition of paintings by Joanna Price. The display, at the respected Anna Bornholt gallery, features blue-faced City types wearing blue suits, and includes titles like "Small Blue Handshake". Price was one of the first women allowed to participate — horror of horrors — in a Merchant Taylor's lunch, and the experience has had a profound effect. "All I could see along the table was a sea of blue backs," she winced afterwards.

Bust for fun

FUN and games at last week's City Monopoly Challenge, in which teams from the Square Mile battled it out for charity. One of two entrants from the London Stock Exchange succeeded in going bust: as did an entrant from Lowndes Lambert, the insurance broker that organised the event. The clash raised several thousand pounds to help children with leukaemia.

JON ASHWORTH

GILT-EDGED

Budget curbs on spending herald strong bull market

So now we know: the whole is worth more than the two halves. The act of unifying the Budget was a clear success from the gilt market's point of view, despite the prognostications of the pundits. It is hard indeed to imagine a statement on either tax or spending delivering the same sense of fiscal rectitude and having the same market impact.

The army of analysts who, before the Budget, had considered public expenditure cuts as "unthinkable" was sadly keen to dismiss what is evidently a display of fiscal toughness.

The cuts to total planned spending are not a result of "smoke and mirrors" or "a fiddle to do with the reserve". They are genuine.

A tough stance, manifested in the initial results of the last year's expenditure reviews, meant that the Treasury did not have to allocate to departments the reserve that had been put aside for new demands.

In other words, in net terms, departments are making do with the cash that had been promised a year ago. Not too difficult for most departments, one might suggest, given the better than expected fundamentals and a public-sector pay freeze.

Beware the cynics as they deny a break with the past. The Treasury defended the reserve from the departments that have plundered it at this stage of the year in the past. As a result, public expenditure is planned to fall in real terms in 1994-95. The Treasury did it this year, they could do it next year, and the year after, for that matter.

Satisfaction with the Budget goes deeper than the spending plans. Even if the lower public spending plans were not to be realised, the tax increases in this Budget were, on their own, in line with expectations for the fiscal tightening.

We know now that budgetary concerns will not worry the market for many months. Not only will it be well into next year before anyone will be in a position to suggest that the PSBR projections might have been too optimistic, but the Government has eased the immediate funding difficulties by the treatment of debt sales to banks and building societies.

Fundamentals look as good as ever — and yields are still high internationally

The economic fundamentals look as good for the market as ever. And the level of real yields still looks high internationally and for this stage of the cycle.

The Budget, importantly, has reminded everyone that the rate-cutting cycle in the UK is still firmly in place. In addition, the market will benefit from the political gain for the Government from the Budget. A more bullish environment could hardly be imagined.

The time has come, therefore, for investors to reassess the gilt market in the international context. A 70 basis points spread against the US and Germany has proved something of a sticking point. But why?

First, the US and the UK. The inflation outlooks are similar for next year, with the chance of pleasant surprises being greater in the UK. Growth in the US will be stronger, potentially much stronger. After the Budget, the public-sector deficit picture looks rosier in the UK.

The Fed is much more likely to tighten in 1994 than is the Treasury. The 70 basis points spread looks generous and the gap could easily disappear early next year with roughly equal and opposite moves by the two markets.

The story is less persuasive with regard to Germany, where scope exists for the spread to narrow to 50 basis points or so. Much continues to be taken on trust with Germany and, as events last week showed, the immediate prospects for Bunds are not as attractive as they are for gilts. Political stability, in particular, in Germany is now being questioned.

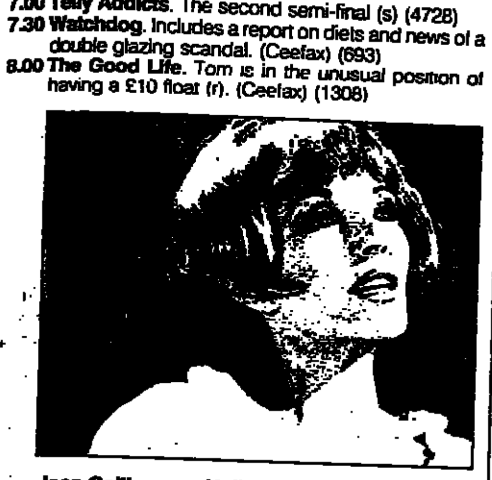
Sterling for the time being is a safe-haven currency with little downside. Weak but steady growth, no inflation and the promise of further base-rate cuts all point to long yields of 6.5 per cent being readily achievable in the first quarter of next year. Dips below that level will occur from time to time.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (20761)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (97321051)
9.05 Kilroy. A studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (4893438) **9.45 Newshound**. News quiz (s) (4444254)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1547186) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3119631)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (15341631)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh's guests include the King's Singers (s) (9651457) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (54882524)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (64032)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (62912047) **1.50 XYZ**. Alphabet quiz (s) (68312083)
2.15 Knots Landing. American drama series (2282544) **3.05 Family Affairs**. Includes an item on how parents cope with their gay children coming out (s) (8885457)
3.35 Cartoon. *Bookworm Turns* (r) (3881235) **3.45 The Adventures of Spot** (1420341) **3.50 The Greedysaurus Gang** (7788254) **3.55 Star Pets**. Peter Simon is in Pucklechurch near Bristol to look for the Star Pet of the Week (s) (3885051) **4.10 Bananaman** (r) (2900051) **4.15 Mortimer and Arabel**. Puppet comedy drama (s) (4768902) **4.30 Albert the 5th Musketeer**. Animation. (Ceefax) (8621167)
4.55 Newsround (8313728) **5.05 Blue Peter**. (Ceefax) (s) (9980065)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (238419). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (457)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (709). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Telly Addicts. The second semi-final (s) (4728)
7.30 Watchdog. Includes a report on diets and news of a double glazing scandal. (Ceefax) (693)
8.00 The Good Life. Tom is in the unusual position of having a £10 float (r). (Ceefax) (1308)

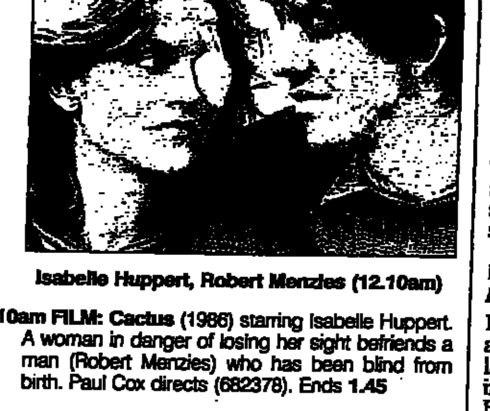


Joan Collins as a Hollywood actress (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Mama's Back!** (Ceefax) (2983)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7419)
9.30 Panorama: Race, Violence and the Law. A report on racially motivated attacks in Britain (824525)
10.10 The Life and Loves of a She Devil. Episode three of the four-part adaptation of Fay Weldon's novel about the revenge of a woman scorned. Starring Dennis Waterman, Julie T. Wallace and Patricia Hodge (r). (Ceefax) (186877). **Northern Ireland:** The Back Page 10.35 The Life and Loves of a She Devil 11.35 Film 93 12.05am-12.35 Careering Ahead: **Wales:** Expert Witness 10.40 The Life and Loves of a She Devil 11.40 Film 93 12.10am-12.40 Careering Ahead
11.10 Film 93 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Addams Family Values*, *American Heart* and *Undercover Blues* (s) (160254)
11.40 Careering Ahead. A special report on graduate unemployment (r) (926032)
12.10am Weather (9931842). Ends at **12.15**
2.00-3.30 BBC Select: Voluntary Sector Television (97939) **3.00 RCN Nursing Update** (18543)

BBC2

6.45 FILM: Ann Vickers (1933, b/w) starring Irene Dunn and Walter Huston. Romantic drama directed by John Cromwell (5587631)
8.00 Breakfast News (2681419) **8.15 Westminster Daily** (2697070) **8.30 Canvas**. Leeds City Art Gallery (r) (1499612) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w). (1235032)
9.00 FILM: Fighting Father Dunne (1948, b/w) starring Pat O'Brien. A turn-of-the-century St Louis priest sets up a refuge for homeless children. Directed by Ted Tetzlaff (14341)
10.30 FILM: The Road to Utopia (1945, b/w). Madcap comedy directed by Hal Walker (1271032)
11.55 Play Chess! (r) (7980772) **12.05 Favourite Things**. With Steve Davis (r) (8319099)
12.35 Dipstick (r) (88533186) **12.50 Animal Passions**. Australia's southern right whales (r) (2324761)
1.20 Gordon T. Gopher (r) (38597964) **1.30 Christopher Crocodile** (r) (s) (23832877)
1.35 The Story of English Furniture (r) (20370490)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (68270831) **2.05 Michael Barry's Choice Cuts** (r) (91720964) **2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes** (r) (604032). **Northern Ireland:** The Third Age **2.45 Milestones in Science and Engineering**. The story of the invention of the cinematograph (3085457)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (9116322) **3.05 Songs of Praise** from Dover (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2602934) **3.40 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (r) (1410984) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (1416148)
4.00 Catchword (s) (322) **4.30 Wildlife Showcase**. Australia's wild horses (r). (Ceefax) (506) **5.00 Today's the Day**. Quiz (s) (2506) **5.30 The Wartime Kitchen and Garden** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (186) **6.00 The Addams Family** (b/w). (Ceefax) (655438)
6.25 Def II: D Energy presented by Normski (s) (733780) **6.50 The Real McCoy** (r) (s) (996322)
7.20 CHOICE **Crazy Ways for Crazy Days**. (Ceefax) (s) (949341)
8.20 Human Rights, Human Wrongs. With Sir Anthony Hopkins. (Ceefax) (s) (602186)
8.30 FILM: Trouble in Paradise (1988) starring Raquel Welch and Jack Thompson. Romantic comedy about a widow marooned on a desert island with a coarse seaman. Directed by Robert Sherman. (Ceefax) (80490)
10.00 Inside Victor Lewis-Smith. Comedy (s) (76728)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (954525)
11.15 The Late Show (s) (344001) **11.55 Weather** (704032) **12.00 Human Rights, Human Wrongs** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8799113)



Isabelle Huppert, Robert Menzies (12.10am)

12.10am FILM: Cactus (1986) starring Isabelle Huppert. A woman in danger of losing her sight befriends a man (Robert Menzies) who has been blind from birth. Paul Cox directs (682378). Ends **1.45**

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CHOICE



Brian Redhead with guru Tom Peters (BBC2, 7.20pm)

Crazy Ways for Crazy Days
BBC2, 7.20pm

Introduced by Brian Redhead as the most successful business guru in the world, Tom Peters gives the benefit of his expertise to an audience of European managers who have paid £500 for the privilege. We, who can watch him for nothing, may wonder if it is money well spent. Peters is a voluble American who lectures in his shirtsleeves. He is fond of such aphorisms as "crazy times call for crazy organisations". His theme is that businesses must not only change but think the unthinkable. Peters gives four examples of companies who, in his eyes, have done just that. But all are relatively small and fairly untypical. You would love to hear the Peters solution to the troubles of IBM or, closer to home, British Coal.

A Woman's Guide to Adultery
ITV, 9.00pm

Part two of the bed-hopping saga features a guest appearance by Ken Livingstone. He plays a Labour MP called Ken Livingstone, and does so very adequately. He is notable as one of the few characters who is not having an affair. Otherwise it is infidelity all the way, as excellent actresses such as Theresa Russell and Amanda Donohoe try to make the best of unpromising dialogue. To its credit, the production offers little for the prurient. The bedroom scenes are handled discreetly and nudity is largely eschewed, though Sean Bean fans will have a feast. The script quotes a survey suggesting that 70 per cent of men and 60 per cent of women are unfaithful. Perhaps the scenario is not so unlikely after all.

Cutting Edge: Navy Blues
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The meting out of justice to miscreants in the Royal Navy provides another enthralling instalment of fly-on-the-wall television. Not only is the material strong in itself but it is cleverly intercut to set up a raft of running stories. Will the truculent little scouse who claims widespread drug abuse be prepared to grass on his mates? What will happen to the Wren who crashed her boyfriend's car when she was drunk? Will the family man who stands to lose everything over the alleged theft of a watch be able to prove his innocence? The exchanges are always frank and often abrasive and the programme grips to the end. Whether the senior service will have regretted allowing the cameras such unfettered access is a good question.

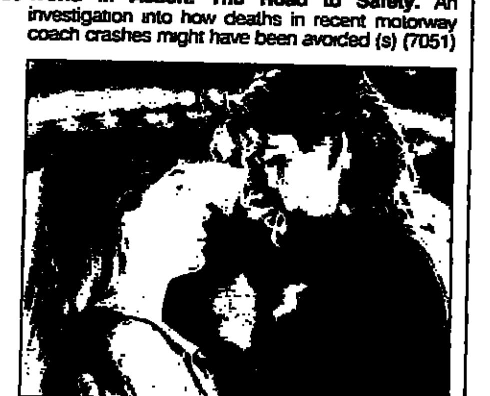
Mama's Back!
BBC1, 8.30pm

Ruby Wax is the author of this curious one-off comedy about a fading television actress who is fired from her latest Hollywood miniseries, tries to revive her career in England and is humiliated by a leggy bimbo on a BBC chat show. The star is Joan Collins and she is obliged to send herself up something rotten. Nobody would suggest that Collins and her character are the same person but somehow the fiction rubs off. You just cannot imagine the real Collins having to wait in a queue for a taxi or stripping off her wig and false eyelashes in public. Michael Gambon is unlikely, but effective, casting as the star's acerbic husband and in a Woody Allenish touch the couple have three adopted Vietnamese children.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV with Penny Smith, Eamonn Holmes and Lorraine Kelly (308099) **9.00 Top of the Morning**. Topical family magazine presented by Amanda Redington (9337780)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Game show set in a supermarket, hosted by Dale Winton (s) (9347167) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3195051)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (7609070)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine introduced by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (15335070) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9442322)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (2342167)
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (2350186) **1.25 Home and Away** Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (26879235) **1.55 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (71467952)
2.20 Capital Woman With Anneka Rice and John Gardner (s) (17101322) **2.50 The Young Doctors**. Australian hospital drama (5116186)
3.20 ITN News headlines (9123612) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9122983)
3.30 Tots TV (s) (3877032) **3.40 Wizadora** (1407490) **3.50 Wowser** (r) (1436902) **4.00 Sooty and Co** with Matthew Corbett and magician Shahid Malik (s) (7782070) **4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures**. Cartoon triple bill (8965148) **4.50 How 2**. Fun and facts show (1944902)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2035934)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (862525)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (98438)
7.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? A new series begins with reports from Grenada, Spain and the Isle of Wight. (Teletext) (s) (9896)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (761)
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Game show hosted by the hyper-active Michael Barrymore. (Teletext) (s) (8544)
8.30 World In Action: The Road to Safety. An investigation into how deaths in recent motorway coach crashes might have been avoided (s) (7051)

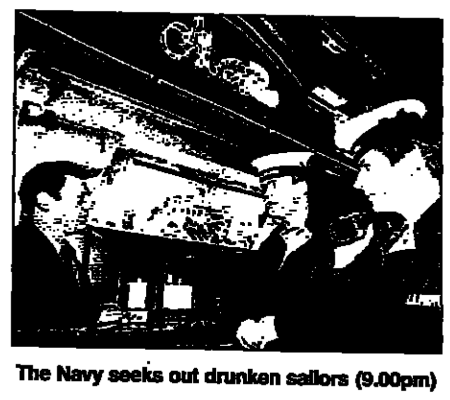


Theresa Russell embraces Sean Bean (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **A Woman's Guide to Adultery**. (Teletext) (s) (3709)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (63254) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (712631)
10.40 FILM: Child in the Night (1990) starring JoBeth Williams. Thriller about a psychologist trying to de-traumatise an eight-year-old who witnessed his father's murder, before the killer can strike again. Directed by Mike Robe (88154506)
12.30am The Beat. Music and movie magazine (s) (93991)
1.30 60 Minutes. American current affairs (1901668)
2.20 Nite Bites. Quick recipes (s) (5086668)
2.30 Sport AM with Bob Symonds (69945)
3.30 Videofashion. Italian style (43484)
4.00 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (r) (s) (31649)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. American film reviews (r) (19718)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (71620)
5.30 ITN Morning News (93281). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Ulysses 31. Animated science fiction adventures (r) (36761)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Bob Monkhouse, sitting in for the holidaying Chris Evans, and Gaby Roslin (67983)
9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (73631)
9.30 Anne of Green Gables. The first of a two-part drama adapted from L.M. Montgomery's classic children's story about an orphan who goes to live on a farm and changes the people's lives forever. Starring Megan Follows (r) (17100709)
11.20 Pete Smith Specialties: I Love My Wife But! (b/w). Pete Smith becomes annoyed with his wife's habits (9167032)
11.30 Blood Sweat and Glory. The Olympic Games and the athletic heroes they have produced (r) (4322)
12.00 Right to Reply. A repeat of Saturday's edition which included a viewer's complaint that blacks were not represented adequately in soaps, sitcoms and drama series. (Teletext) (s) (60167)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series. The guest is the violinist Midoro Goto (16525)
1.30 Bobobobs. Animated environmental adventures (r) (70032)
2.00 FILM: Mr Perrin and Mr Traill (1948, b/w) starring Marius Goring, Greta Gynt and David Farrar. Psychological drama about an older, staid schoolmaster who is secretly in love and develops a pathological hatred for a young colleague after he becomes engaged to the woman in question. Directed by Lawrence Huntingdon (750780)
3.40 Joe McDoakes (b/w). The hapless Joe has marriage problems (r) (3895438)
3.55 Plant Life. High-yielding harvests (r). (Teletext) (5290525)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock out quiz. The question-master is William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (902)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (6709)
6.00 Batman. The dynamic duo do battle with the fiendish False Face (167)
6.30 The Wonder Years. American teen comedy series starring Fred Savage (r). (Teletext) (419)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (202322)
7.50 Party Political Comment by a Liberal Democrat politician. (Teletext) (819254)
8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (6186)
8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham, south London, barbershop. This week, Desmond is less than impressed when Shirley is asked by the vicar to preach the Sunday sermon. (Teletext) (s) (5693)



The Navy seeks out drunken sailors (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Navy Blues**. (Teletext) (4051)
10.00 Homicide: Life on the Street. Baltimore-based detective drama series. (Teletext) (s) (4438)
11.00 The American Football Big Match. Highlights from one of yesterday's NFL matches (952877)
12.20am Evening Shade. Small-town America comedy series starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (6582129)
12.50 Let the Blood Run Free. Australian comedy series in the *St Elsewhere* mould (r). (Teletext) (s) (3627741). Ends at **1.15**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session: Madder Rose and Fretblanket (r) **9.00** Windbags: Jo Brand and Donna McPhail **9.30** Glitter and Twisted. Noddy Holder recalls the 1970s **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** The Best of Jazz **10.00** A Swing Affair: Frank Sinatra medley (4/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Dilemmas **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** More Nosh, Less Dosh **1.00** News **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** Children of the Mississippi: A selection of stories by Mildred D. Taylor (1/4) **7.30** Champion Sport **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** World News **6.10** British News **6.15** The Learning World **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** The Divine Supermarket **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Images of Britain **9.30** Andy Kershaw's **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Making America **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Hoax **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *The Caravanners* **2.45** American Icons **3.00** News **3.15** The Stars and Stripes Forever **4.00** World News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.10** British News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** On Screen **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Quote, Unquote **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Hoax **3.00** World News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Mozart (Concerto for Flute and Harp in C, K299 Berlin Philharmonic under Herbert Von Karajan) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** Close Encounters of a Musical Kind. Riccardo Muti **8.00** Evening Concert: Telemann (Concerto for three oboes in B flat); Haydn (Symphony No 101 in D); Bach (Violin concerto in E); Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.20-2.50 The Good Yarn Show (17101322) **5.10-5.40** Swot Or Wot? (2035934) **6.00** Home And Away (642964) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (194544) **10.40** Marquee (270964) **11.10** Crime Story (114070) **12.05am** Beyond Reality (6497007) **12.35** Tropical Heat (2603533) **1.35** Sport AM (9887842) **2.35** Donahue (4996620) **3.20** The Beat (5374842) **4.15** Night Shift (24000129) **4.30** Riviera (34266787) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (7729465)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 Shortland Street (71467952) **2.20** Cooking With Kurma (17101322) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (5116186) **5.10-5.40** Animal Country (2035934) **6.00** Home And Away (642964) **6.25-7.00** Central News (194544) **10.40** The Twilight Zone (270964) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (836780) **12.10am** Sail The World (6496378) **12.40** Coach (9018945) **1.10** Film: Never Let Go (257007) **2.55** Sport AM (3284991) **3.55** Jobfinder (5915587) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8042281)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Home And Away (2350186) **1.25-3.20** Film: Beau James (47878761) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2035934) **6.00** Home And Away (525) **6.30** Granada Tonight (989032) **6.55-7.00** Stocking Up For Christmas (797273) **10.40** Comic Timing (270964) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (836780) **12.10am** The Twilight Zone (9526736) **12.35** Tropical Heat (2603533) **1.35** Sport AM (9887842) **2.35** Donahue (4996620) **3.20** The Beat (5374842) **4.15** Night Shift (24000129) **4.30** Riviera (34266787) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (7729465)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.20-2.50 Yan Can Cook (17101322) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (98438) **10.40** Married With Children (270964) **11.10** Foley Square (155322) **11.40** War Of The Worlds (475728) **12.35am** Tropical Heat (2603533) **1.35** Sport AM (9887842) **2.35** Donahue (4996620) **3.20** The Beat (5374842) **4.15** Night Shift (24000129) **4.30** Riviera (34266787) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (7729465)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (525) **6.30-7.00** Primetime (877) **10.40** A Welsh Trilogy — Confrontations With The Past (947235) **11.25-11.40** World Cup Hall Of Fame (644588)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 2.20 Houseparty (17101322) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (5116186) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes: Making It Happen (377148) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (525) **6.30-7.00** Beside The Seaside (877) **2.30am-3.30** Sport AM (69945) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (71620)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.20 An Invitation To Remember (17110070) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (8859032) **3.25-3.30** Tyne Tees News (9122983) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (509821) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (877) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (712631) **10.40** Young Jazz Player Of The Year (798475) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (888548) **12.20am** Sail The World (6584587) **12.50** Film: Boulevard Of Assassins (941533) **2.45** Entertainment UK (182397) **3.45** ITV Chart Show (1216533) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (2687397)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (20383984) **2.25** Gardening Time (17100693) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (1717273) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (98438) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (270964) **11.10** The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (114070) **12.05am** Coach (8409842) **12.30** My Story (4246115) **12.35** Tropical Heat (2603533) **1.35** Sport AM (9887842) **2.35** Donahue (4996620) **3.20** The Beat (5374842) **4.15** Night Shift (24000129) **4.30** Riviera (34266787) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (7729465)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.20 An Invitation To Remember (17110070) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (8859032) **5.55** Calendar News (509821) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (877) **10.30** Calender News (712631) **10.40** Young Jazz Player Of The Year (947235) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (119525) **12.20am** Sail The World (6584587) **12.50** Film: Boulevard Of Assassins (941533) **2.45** Entertainment UK (182397) **3.45** ITV Chart Show (1216533) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (2687397)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (87983) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (73631) **9.30** Anne Of Green Gables (17100709) **11.20** Pete Smith Specialties (9167032) **11.30** Blood, Sweat And Glory (4322) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (60167) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (71761) **1.00** Roseanne (80070) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (70032) **2.00** Film: The Old Man And The Sea (Spencer Tracy, Felipe Pazos) (750780) **3.40** The Three Stooges (1420186) **4.00** Slot 23 (7273) **5.00** Batman (1542) **5.30** Fifteen To One (254) **6.00** Newyddion (725761) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (901254) **6.25** Heno (192186) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7438) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (631) **8.00** Natur Wyllt (6186) **8.30** Newyddion (5693) **9.00** Sgorio (4051) **10.00** Brookside (61896) **10.30** Cheers (70544) **11.00** American Football (246728) **12.15am** Witness (141804)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Wagner (Prelude, Parsifal); Vivaldi (Concerto in G minor, Op 10 No 2, La notte); Falla (The Three-Cornered Hat — excerpts); Glinka (Overture, Ruslan and Ludmilla); Corelli (Trio Sonata in F, Op 1 No 1); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 23 in A, K488)
9.00 An Advent Calendar: The John Powell Singers under John Powell perform Anon (Als ich bei meinen Schafen wacht'); Trad. arr Keyte/Parrott (All hayle to the dayes)
9.10 Composer of the Week: Georges Bizet. Prelude, Carmen; Overture in A; Romance without Words; Le Docteur Miracle — excerpts; Symphony in C
10.10 Musical Encounters: Lutoslawski (Mini Overture); Mussorgsky, orch Ravel (Pictures from an Exhibition); Nielsen (Symphony No 5)
12.00 The Beggar's Opera: Guy Woolfenden concludes his roundup of the different versions
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Domus performs Mahler (Piano Quartet Movement in A minor); Strauss (Piano Quartet in C minor, Op 13)
2.00 BBC Philharmonic, under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs Szymanowski (Concert Overture, Op 12); Lutoslawski (Musique funèbre; Mi-Parti); Gorecki (Scontri, Collisions)
3.10 War and Peace: BBC Singers under Jane Glover perform Darius Milhaud's Cantate de la guerre and the Mass in C by Poulenc
3.45 Byrd Organ Music: Paul Nicholson plays Byrd's surviving music for organ on the 1653 instrument in Lanvellec, Brittany
4.30 Time and Silence: Brian Morton looks at jazz in Poland
5.00 In Tune: Including Fauré (Impromptu No 2 in F minor, Op 31); Schubert (Abschied, Schwanengesang); William Bolcom (Machine, Symphony No 5); and Kodály (Dances from Galanta)
7.30 EBU Concert, live from the Concert Hall of Polish Radio, Katowice, to mark the sixtieth birthday of Henryk Gorecki. The Cracow Polish Radio Choir and Katowice Polish Radio National SO under Antoni Wit, with Zofia Kilanowicz, soprano, and Adam Kruszewski, baritone, perform Szymanowski (Symphony No 2). **8.05** The Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres. Paul Murdin visits Copernicus's home in Torum, Poland. **8.25** Gorecki (Symphony No 2, The Copernican)
9.10 Dark Angel: Ewa Demarczyk talks about the poetry that forms the basis of her songs
9.35 Anything Goes! A Man, a Woman and a Double-Bass — Lowri Blake, voice cello, and Peter Buckoke, double-bass — perform songs by Cole Porter and Duke Ellington, with sonatas by Alessandro Scarlatti
10.10 Chopin: See Choice
10.45 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 Music Restored: Le Nouveau Quatuor performs Telemann (Paris Quartet No 9 in G); Guillemain (Quartet in a, Op 12 No 4); and Rameau (Pièces de clavecin en concerts No 4 in B flat)
12.30am News 12.35-12.45 An Advent Calendar (as 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** The Double-O Scot: John McKay has never been able to match up to Sean Connery's James Bond **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and Zoe Heller. Their guests are Anthony Holden, Stephen Daldry, Professor Michael Argyle and Angela McRobbie
10.00-10.30 The Mating Game (FM only): Lionel Kellaway goes underwater to present the natural history quiz
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from St German's Church, Cardiff
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Ezekiel. Read by Paul Scofield (5/6)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: *The Very Dead of Winter*, by Mary Hocking. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444 from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm My Music: See Choice **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The King's General: Daphne du Maurier's classic love story, set during the English Civil War. Dramatised by Michelene Wandor. With Cathryn Harrison (r)
3.30 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to Chrissie Maher, director of the Plain English Campaign, about her life and work
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the latest record releases, and talks to Neil Bartlett of the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith
4.45 Short Story: A Greek Amongst Romans, by David Marshall. Read by Richard E. Grant
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: Humphrey Lyttelton chairs the antidote to panel games. With Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, Willie Rushton and Barry Cryer (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme: Why is most of Europe's lemon crop rotting in Spain? (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Les Blancs. Lorraine Hansberry's last play before her death from cancer in 1965, was finished by her husband, Robert Nemiroff, from her notes and conversations. Adapted and directed by Heather Goodman, this is its first British production. Tshembe Matoseh returns to Africa in the midst of an anti-colonial war. He must decide between the fight for freedom or his family in Europe. With Leo Wringer and Hugh Quarshie
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Pearl, by John Steinbeck. Read by Gayle Hunnicut (3/7)
11.00 You Heard It Here First: Second Thoughts. With James Bolam, Lynda Bellingham (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

My Music. *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*

Some panel games, such as *My Music* which returns today, are self-renewing, like old friendships. The joy of reunion never grows any less. It was born in 1967, yet its old bones never creak. Steve Race, its chairman and deviser of questions, has worn both hats since its birth, and his hands still tickle the ivories. Three of the original panellists — Frank Muir, Denis Norden, Ian Wallace — are still in there pitching. New boy John Amis has been with *My Music* for only 20 years.

Polskal Chopin. *Radio 3, 10.10pm.*

And so, with Piers Lane playing the 12 Etudes Op 25, the curtain falls on Radio 3's Polish season: 120 programmes, over two-and-a-half weeks. It has been concentrated, single-theme broadcasting on an unprecedented scale. There can be no excuse now for wondering aloud: "What's going on in the Polish arts world", or "Did Gorecki write anything as good as his Symphony No 3?". Appropriately, tonight's European Broadcasting Union concert at 7.30pm celebrates Gorecki's sixtieth birthday, but with his Symphony No 2, not the much-hyped No 3.

Peter Davalle

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (83245983) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (8994525) **9.00** Cartoons (10483) **9.30** Card Sharks (33525) **10.00** Concentration (7201902) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7807235) **10.30** Love at First Sight (10457) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (33186) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (93419) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (37341) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (32896) **2.00** Pearl: First of a five-part mini series (39542) **3.00** Another World (6727761) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5961099) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5096) **6.00** Games World (5341) **6.30** Paradise Beach (5693) **7.00** Rescue (6728) **7.30** Growing Pains (2877) **8.00** Crossings: Cheryl Ladd stars in the first of a three-part mini series (79341) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (65148) **11.00** The Untouchables (14051) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (19804) **1.00am** Night Court (91571) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (21200)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (77693) **9.30** Roving Report (28457) **10.30** The Book Show (77235) **11.30** Japan Business Today (52457) **12.30pm** News/Business Report (71051) **1.30** CBS Morning News (72780) **2.30** Parliament Live (32438) **4.30** News/Business Report (2490) **5.00** Live at Five (6341) **7.30** The Unholy Divide (2849) **9.30** Talkback (22419) **11.30** CBS News (88419) **12.30am** ABC News (37303) **1.30** The Unholy Divide (29823) **2.30** Travel Destinations (47668) **3.30** Talkback (42113) **4.30** The Unholy Divide (49129) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (20303)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (5548457)
10.00 End of the Line (1987). Railroad employees, Wilford Brimley and Levon Helm, steal a vintage engine (48457)
12.00 The Wackiest Ship in the Army (1960): Wartime comedy with Jack Lemmon as the captain of a decoy gunship (89877)
2.00pm The Secret War of Harry Frigg (1968): Paul Newman plays a soldier sent to rescue five generals in Italy (89728)
4.00 Tom Brown's Schooldays (1951, b/w): John Howard Davies plays the Rugby scholar of Thomas Hughes's novel (3631)
6.00 End of the Line (as 10am) (69964)
8.00 Fall from Grace (1990): Fact-based version of the rise and fall of television evangelist Reverend Jim Bakker and his wife Tammy (23918815)
9.40 UK Top Ten (404167)
10.00 Hudson Hawk (1991): Bruce Willis is an international cat burglar out to commit the crime of the century (927877)
11.40 Liebestraum (1991): Kevin Anderson becomes embroiled in a 30-year-old murder in his home town (173254)
1.40am Pink Cadillac (1989). Clint Eastwood pursues a bail jumper (789552)
3.40 El Diablo (1991) Comic western about a 19th-century schoolteacher (660904). Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Miracle on 34th Street (1947, b/w): Edmund Gwenn claims to be the real Father Christmas (67544)
8.00 There Was A Crooked Man . . . (1970): Kirk Douglas plots a jail break (54658254)
10.05 Nuts (1987): Barbra Streisand defends her sanity (94588542) Ends at **12.30am**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Big Broadcast of 1937 (1936, b/w): Variety film with Jack Benny (67902)
8.00 Snow White and the Seven Dwarves (1987): Fairy-tale with Diana Rigg (97896)
10.00 Wings of Fame (1990) Peter O'Toole meets his murderer in the afterlife (46099)
12.00 Invitation to the Wedding (1985): A girl marries the wrong man (87419)
2.00 Dance Academy (1986): A classical ballet academy is transformed into a school for modern dance (70070)
4.00 Snow White and the Seven Dwarves (as 8am) (22089612)
5.50 Big Ideas: Environmental drama from Australia in which a boy discovers the cause of pollution in a local bay (28637709)
7.30 Xposure: Film news (8815)
8.00 Barton Fink (1991): A 1930s playwright in Hollywood encounters writer's block and a dead body in his bed (62051)
10.00 Doctor Mordrid (1992). Two sorcerers clash on earth (4754761)
11.20 In a Stranger's Hand (1991): Robert Urich looks for a missing girl (178341)
12.55am Sonny Boy (1989). A boy is raised by his family to be a killer (481736)
2.40 The Ten Million Dollar Getaway (1991): Mobsters hold up Kennedy Airport. With John Mahoney (767755)
4.15-5.45 Big Ideas (as 5.50pm) (913533)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (49761) **7.30** Red Line — Motorsport (57322) **8.30** World Sports Special (89815) **9.00** Prime Bodies (70167) **9.30** Watersports World (46877) **10.30** The Big League (24506) **12.30pm** FA Premiership Football: Blackburn Rovers v Chelsea (47457) **2.30** FA Cup Football (67148) **4.30** Fishing the West (8032) **5.00** Windsurfing (8964) **5.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (2612) **6.00** Soccer News (718506) **6.15** WWF Challenge (333506) **7.00** Monday Night Football: Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur (11423273) **10.15** Soccer News (667709) **10.30** Goal' Football Quiz (60780) **11.00** Ringside Superbouts (65709) **12.00-2.00am** Monday Night Football (as 7pm) (53216)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (53964) **8.00** Handball: Ladies' World Championships (25983) **9.00** Alpine Skiing (20148) **11.00** Swimming: World Short Course Championships (82612) **12.00** Motorsport Report (15728) **1.00pm** Speedskating: World Cup (9710099) **6.00** Eurofun (4693) **6.30** Eurosport News (8273) **7.00** Alpine Skiing: World Cup (26273) **8.00** American Stock Car Racing (38803) **9.00** Boxing (22457) **10.00** Eurogoals (25544) **11.00** Karate (50877) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (78910)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (7374506) **7.30** Neighbours (7388341) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2420525) **8.30** EastEnders (2429896) **9.00** The Bill (2410148) **9.30** Nanny (2118411) **10.30** Rockcliffe's Babies (9800693) **11.30** Rhoda (7684612) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2423612) **12.30pm** Neighbours (8811099) **1.00** EastEnders (7373877) **1.30** The Bill (8803070) **2.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (4354877) **2.30** Shelley (7572631) **3.00** Dallas (7675728) **4.00** Dynasty (7654235) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4378457) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7550419) **6.00** Neighbours (7540032) **6.30** EastEnders (7564612) **7.00** Nanny (8690631) **8.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (4357341) **8.30** Shelley (4353148) **9.00** Rockcliffe's Babies (8696815) **10.00** The Bill (2424341) **10.30** The Young Ones (2400761) **11.00** Top of the Pops (4240051) **11.45** Dr Who: Death of the Daleks (2304524) **12.15am** FILM: Face to Face (1952, b/w): Stories by Joseph Conrad and Stephen Crane (4451007) **1.45-2.00** Video Bites (50129571)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (106693) **9.00** Jack in the Box (44934) **11.00** Ratkan II (830148) **2.00pm** Ins the Happy Professor (90506) **3.00** RatKan II (6761) **3.30** Ovide and the Gang (8099) **4.00** The Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show (7506) **4.30-5.00** Emlyn's Moon (6490)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (70631) **7.30** Guts (66438) **8.00** Get the Picture (88186) **8.30** Wild Side Show (87457) **9.00** Rabbit Ears' We All Have Tales (78709) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (98051) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (49273) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (67693) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (80983) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (46167) **12.30pm** Rabbit Ears We All Have Tales (63047) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (79902) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (57988) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (5254) **2.30** Special Delivery (6438) **3.00** Kablooey (4761) **3.30** Out of Control (1983) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (5790) **4.30** Hey Dude (9902) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (6506) **5.30** Get the Picture (5834) **6.00** Guts (7167) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (8419)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Earthfile (7561525) **4.30** From Monkeys to Apes (7587709) **5.00** Big City Metro (4376099) **5.30** Go Fishing (7541761) **6.00** Only in Hollywood (6272631) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4669148) **7.00** The Extremists (4356235) **7.30** Valhalla (7588438) **8.00** Wildside (6874693) **9.00** Terra X (7641761) **9.30** Pacifica. Tales from the South Seas (8899877) **10.00** Over the Wall in China (8697544) **11.00** Anak Krakatoa (7653506) **11.30-12.00** The Arabians (2332322)

BRAVO

12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (2418780) **12.30pm** FILM: Casablanca (1942, b/w): Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman meet again (98063419) **2.15** FILM: Irene (1940, b/w): Anna Neagle falls in love with a toff, Ray Milland (6334780) **4.00** The Flying Nun (7558051) **4.30** My Three Sons (7554235) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (4363525) **5.30** The Donny and Marie Show (7578815) **6.00** I Spy (8814186) **7.00** Cannon (8692099) **8.00** FILM: Ring of Spies (1964, b/w): Based on the Portland secrets trial (48975761) **9.35** FILM. Get Carter (1971): Michael Caine avenges his brother's murder (4567964) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (2336148)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (5607815) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (4052849) **8.30** Living Daylights (9907790) **9.00** Divorce Court (1907970) **9.30** Hot Topics (8882631) **10.00** Health UK (3396235) **10.30** Living Extra (5507934) **11.00** On The House (4215322) **11.30** Delia Smith's Christmas (4216051) **12.00** Practical Living (27610186) **12.15pm** Kilroy (1555631) **1.00** Crosswits (2506612) **1.30** Divorce Courts (8852490) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (3398964) **3.00** Agony Hour (4227167) **4.00** Crosswits (3727916) **4.30** Infatuation (1822380) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and Friends (6015902) **6.00** What's Up, Dr Ruth? (6072083) **6.30** Masterchef 1991 (2377475) **7.00** Agony Hour (2594877) **9.00** FILM: Fyre. A girl is given a second chance at life (4236815) **10.30** Fame and Fortune (4157493) **11.00** Infatuation (4230631) **11.30** The All New Dr Ruth Show (3394419) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (5581823)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (8506) **5.30** Danger Bay (1970) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (7983) **6.30** Catchphrase (8235) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (1070) **7.30** All Clued Up (4419) **8.00** Remington Steele (48419) **9.00** Neon Rider (51983) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (93032) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (75380) **11.00** Newhart (14964) **11.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (88761) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (17484)

MTV

6.00am Awake on the Wild Side (108051) **9.00** VJ Ingo (845070) **12.00** Greatest Hits (24490) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (182803) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (6195099) **3.45** At the Movies (6183254) **4.00** News (5366506) **4.15** 3 from 1 (5389457) **4.30** The Grind (5148) **5.00** Hit List UK (15254) **7.00** Sarajevo Special (7588) **7.30** A Very Special Christmas (6877) **8.00** Music Non-Stop (40877) **9.00** Greatest Hits (53341) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (743728) **10.15** At the Movies (731983) **10.30** News at Night (530099) **10.45** 3 from 1 (528254) **11.00** Rock Block (89186) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (41129) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (4471020)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (79099) **7.00** Regional News (48631) **7.30** Asian Morning (34438) **8.00** Hindi News (19070) **8.30** Urdu News (5326544) **8.45** English News (5323099) **9.00** Serial: Hissar (85148) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (841254) **1.00pm** Serial: Mustatain (47902) **1.30** Bazaar (758070) **4.30** Kiddie Time (3544) **5.00-6.00** TVA — Dedicated to You (4167) **7.00** Face to Face (9070) **8.00** English News (598051) **8.15** Amar Shakti (59684235) **11.15** Serial: Cheena Mook (302273) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (5325552) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (18596303)

TNT

Tonight's Theme Room Service
7.00pm Weekend at the Waldorf (1945, b/w): Clients at the hotel include Ginger Rogers, Lana Turner and Walter Pidgeon (59518167)
9.25 Where the Boys Are (1960). Four girls go searching for boys (47271186)
11.20 Ten Thousand Bedrooms (1957): Dean Martin and Anna Maria Alberghetti star in this musical romance (28093254)
1.35am Hotel Berlin (1945, b/w): As the Allies advance, Germans take refuge in a luxurious hotel. With Helmut Dantine (91507571)
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America and EC set aside steel to meet Gatt deadline

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

AMERICA and the European Community, unable to narrow their gulf over steel, have agreed to exclude it from the world trade pact they aim to agree by December 15, sources close to the industry say.

Annual world iron and steel exports are a $100 billion-plus business, but the industry is awash with state subsidies and in many countries producers hide behind protectionist walls.

Washington and Brussels this year agreed with Japan and Canada the so-called "Quad" deal to aim for zero tariffs for steel and a number of other products.

A fundamental concern of officials to the Gatt world trade talks is that any last-minute attempt to drop significant elements of the draft accord, such as steel, could cause the whole intricate package, which covers services and agricultural goods for the first time, to start to unravel.

In Geneva, Gatt officials who have overseen the seven-year Uruguay Round talks on trade liberalisation, appeared relaxed at the weekend about the prospect of steel being left outside the wider pact based on the draft Final Act put forward by Arthur Dunkel, former Director-General of Gatt, two years ago.

But Peter Sutherland, the current Director-General, reminded the 116 negotiating parties to the Gatt talks of the danger of assuming that powerful countries, or groups of countries, could sew up the round with no regard for others.

In a statement issued on Friday, he said: "Not only is 'nothing agreed until everything is agreed', but agreement must also extend to the other participants and not just the major trading partners." Securing agreement among the majors was "one part of the equation", but "decidedly not the only part", he said.

Industry sources said that Sir Leon Brittan, the EC Trade Commissioner, and Mickey Kantor, his US counterpart, agreed at talks last week to leave the steel issue aside, in recognition that they would not be able to reach agreement in time for the December 15 deadline.

As the biggest steelmaker in Europe, Germany has taken close interest in the steel elements of the world trade talks. Günter Rexrodt, the German Economics Minister, indicated to the German press last week an accord on steel appeared out of reach in the tight Gatt timetable. Given the EC surplus in the transatlantic steel trade, America's agreement to zero tariffs on steel provided a sizeable portion of its tariff-cutting offer to Brussels. But Washington made its steel offer conditional upon a successful outcome to talks running parallel to the Uruguay Round on a Multilateral Steel Agreement (MSA).

Trade officials from the 36 steel-producing nations that have taken part in MSA talks since 1989 meet in Geneva this Thursday. The MSA is intended to impose strict international disciplines on subsidies to steelmakers, phase out all tariffs and other import barriers and establish a disputes procedure. But America, whose imposition of punitive anti-dumping duties on steel imports has given an unhelpful background this year to the Uruguay round, has insisted its own trade laws should not be subordinated to internationally agreed principles.

The British Iron and Steel Producers Association said in its annual report issued last Friday, a successful outcome "would only be possible if the US administration was prepared to compromise from its hitherto intransigent position." It noted this would require it to "face down" protectionist demands of US steelmakers.

Granada set to launch bid for LWT

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

GERRY ROBINSON, chief executive of Granada, is considering a full-scale takeover bid, possibly this week, for LWT, the London weekend television contractor, if talks he is seeking for an agreed takeover fail.

A successful bid, whether negotiated or hostile, would mean a cash windfall for LWT's managers, led by Sir Christopher Bland, many of whom recently became paper millionaires in the wake of a controversial management share scheme.

Granada already holds a 20 per cent stake in LWT, acquired last summer, an ideal springboard for a bid.

City analysts have long believed it was only a matter of time before Mr Robinson, one of the most ambitious of the new tycoons increasingly dominating TV, launched a bid for another franchise-holder. His bid for LWT may have been brought forward by last Monday's £758 million swoop by Michael Green's Carlton Communications on Central TV.

Relaxation of rules governing the industry was announced by Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, last month and clearance by Parliament is expected before Christmas. Carlton's decision to jump the gun was condemned by Marjorie Mowlam, the Shadow Heritage Secretary, who said an amalgam of Carlton and Central would harm regional TV production. In the event, Carlton's move has concentrated the minds of other players.

A bid for LWT is just one of the options for Granada, which holds the franchise for the North West and produces *Coronation Street*. The company is also known to be interested in the cash-strapped Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television. LWT is, however, the preferred option — "the simpler, cleaner, better deal", in the words of a Granada insider — not least because Yorkshire controls two franchises already. The smaller Tyne Tees slot would presumably have to be unwound, to comply with new government rules limiting ownership to two ITV areas.

One way for LWT to sidestep Granada might be to bid for a second franchise. Yorkshire is seen as the preferred option, though a takeover would also require the offloading of Tyne Tees. LWT last night declined to comment on weekend reports that it was in talks with Scottish Television, with a view to the latter taking over Tyne Tees if LWT bid for Yorkshire, of which it already owns 14 per cent.

A hostile bid for LWT, currently capitalised at more than £600 million, would hardly be a disaster from the management's perspective, given the generosity of the management share scheme. The 53 participants, including Melvyn Bragg, the arts presenter, whose stake in September was worth almost £3 million, are still sitting on more than 10 per cent of the company. Sir Christopher owns 1.84 per cent, worth £11.2 million, while Greg Dyke, the chief executive, owns stock worth £7.4 million. The shares are now at 585p; any bid from Granada would almost certainly be priced at a premium.



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Sir Christopher Bland, top, and Melvyn Bragg would make millions from a takeover of LWT. Labour's Marjorie Mowlam has condemned TV bids ahead of new rules

Ferranti braced for 500 more redundancies

By Melvyn Marckus, City Editor

NEWS of further job losses at Ferranti, the stricken defence contractor, are expected shortly in the wake of last week's appointment of John Talbot, of accountants Arthur Andersen, as receiver to the company.

Enquiries by *The Times* indicate that Eugene Anderson, Ferranti's chairman, was contemplating a further 15 per cent cut in the workforce before GEC's decision to launch a token £11.4 million rescue bid — aborted last Wednesday after GEC's due diligence investigations.

Should Mr Talbot choose to implement Mr Anderson's fall-back tactics, this would herald some 500 redundancies among Ferranti's 3,600 employees: cut by 1,000 during the past 12 months and by 20,000 since Mr Anderson took over in 1990.

Mr Talbot and colleague Murdoch McKillop will, from today, focus on enquiries received expressing interest in Ferranti's assets. Indications are that Mr Talbot, after analysing the quality of the approaches, will quickly contact potential offerors: the intention being to dispose of Ferranti's offshoots as going concerns and, as far as possible, preserve jobs. GEC is in pole position to "cherry pick".

Mr Talbot held talks with bankers last week and is understood to have made appropriate arrangements to facilitate Ferranti's current trading operations.

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Gas: DTI ruling near

CLAIRE Spottiswoode, the Director-General of Ofgas, is scheduled to hold a meeting with Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, on Thursday. This will fuel speculation that the DTI may be poised to rule on the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's recommendations on the future of British Gas (writes Melvyn Marckus).

Concern is mounting — particularly among British Gas's major institutional shareholders — over what is perceived as procrastination on the part of the Government, which has yet to make any pronouncements on the MMC report which it received on July 31.

Although the DTI's evidence to the MMC indicated that it favoured domestic market competition, it did not appear to favour "break up", which would end British Gas's ability to underpin the market.

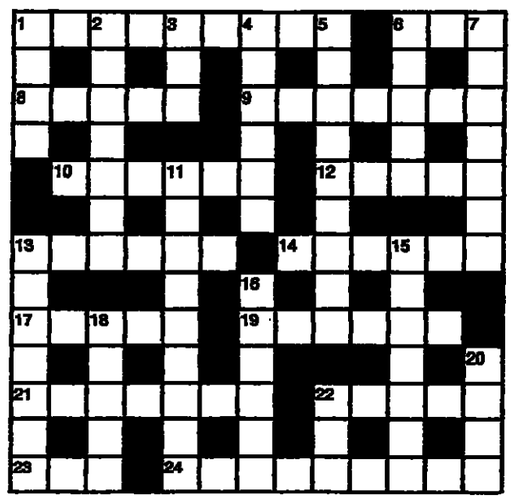
Mr Heseltine's meeting with Ofgas suggests that developments are imminent, although whether Cabinet clearance will be forthcoming before Parliament rises on December 17 is a moot point.

Lloyd's settlement leaves little for names

LLOYD'S names will be lucky to receive anything from the imminent settlement order because a high proportion of the money will have to be deducted to meet past and future obligations before any payment is made (Sarah Bagnall writes).

Lloyd's is thought to have decided to deduct money to refund any central fund withdrawals made to meet a name's unpaid losses as well as any unpaid-for but called losses. If a name has a stop-loss policy, a further slice will be subtracted to pay off any losses met by the policy. These deductions have been agreed by the financial panel, headed by Sir Jeremy Morse, which has spent six months thrashing out the terms and amount that will be offered to the names in return for their giving up their right to take legal action.

One of the most significant deductions proposed by Lloyd's has met with fierce resistance from members of the panel, but is expected to be pushed through. This would deduct a name's uncalled-for losses before he was paid: in many cases it would result in nothing being paid because managing agents have called only for an immediate payment of 57 per cent of this year's record £2.915 billion loss and demands for £1.25 billion were deferred. The settlement package is expected to be worth up to £1 billion.



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10 Beam over entrance (6)
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13 Summary (6)
14 The Nobody of the Diary (6)
17 A cosmetic (5)
19 Minor quake (6)
21 Rotating rod to collect spun thread (7)
22 Gothic Revival architect (5)
23 Deposit egg (3)
24 In a manner showing great joy (9)

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1 Up-and-down window (4)
2 Humdrum (7)
3 Gist (3)
4 Ornament on woolly hat (6)
5 Percussion instrument (9)
6 Group of singers (5)
7 Colonist (7)
11 Later batsman (4-5)
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15 Considered (7)
16 Be present (6)
18 Make into one (5)
20 Sole (4)
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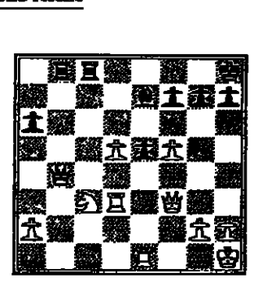
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Short - Kasparov, Speed Chess Savoy Theatre 1993. White's unguarded rook on e1 and weak back rank provide the key. Black to play and win. The book of The Times World Chess Championship is available at £7.99 from The Times, R Keene Offer, PO Box 11, Tadcaster, N Yorks LS24 9XA.

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WORD-WATCHER

By Philip Howard

YELLOW JACK
a. A famous race horse
b. Yellow fever
c. A toad

HERMIONE PIGOT
a. A Fenian journo
b. An inn famous for wooden mugs
c. A batty frigate captain

OLD KASPAR
a. 12-year-old Cape brandy
b. A German peasant
c. Trooper in King's German Legion

ZUBIAN
a. A WWII destroyer
b. A king of Nubia
c. A Zulu warrior

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Optimism over credit demand

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

DEMAND for consumer credit in October, a month before the Budget, rose in all the key sectors, suggesting some room for optimism in the run-up to Christmas, according to Infolink, Britain's largest independent credit information organisation.

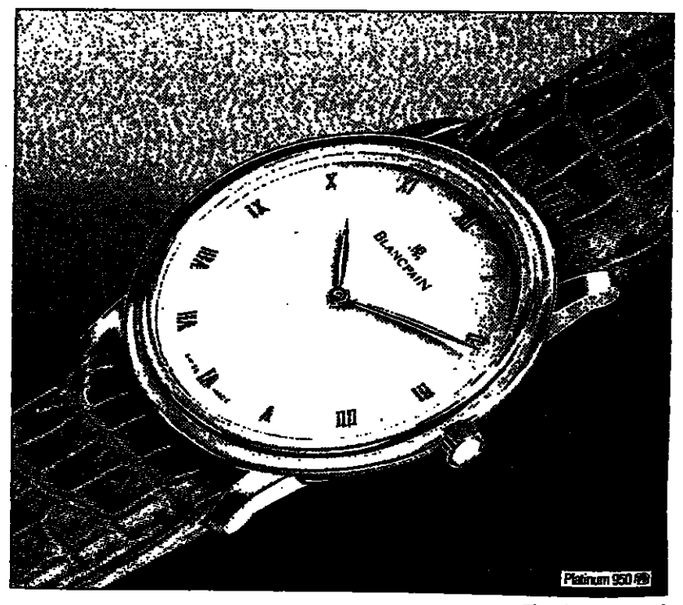
Brian Bailey, the chairman, said: "October's sustained recovery and a Budget which is unlikely to damage spending confidence provide reason for optimism in the run-up to Christmas and the New Year."

Infolink puts the continued rise in consumer demand for credit down to falling unemployment, inflation and interest rates. However, the organisation is careful to put the improved October experience in the context of low levels of activity witnessed in 1992.

The new car loans sector showed a year-on-year rise of 12.6 per cent in October. Applications for mortgages rose 7.9 per cent, demand for credit in the retail sector was up almost 10 per cent, and, in the finance house sector, there was a rise of 12.6 per cent.

☐ A survey by the Finance & Leasing Association shows that consumer credit dropped 12 per cent to £1.08 billion in October because of Budget uncertainties, while business finance and leasing slipped 5 per cent to £1.32 billion. Compared with October last year, the sectors showed growth of 21 per cent and 64 per cent.

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